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Alice, played by Natasha Greenblatt, moves a giant chess piece at City Hall on Tuesday. She's starring in the National Arts Centre's production of Alice Through the Looking-Glass Dec. 9 until Jan. 3. See story, page 6. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Blowing smoke on e-cigarettes

New law. Owner of Electronic Cigarettes Ottawa rethinking his business plan due to Ontario's latest rules on the vaporizer

Nicholas Ethier just opened his e-cigarette shop on Dalhousie Street in April, but he could soon face restrictions on promoting what many believe is a healthier alternative to smoking tobacco.

The owner of Electronic Cigarettes Ottawa said he may be rethinking his business plan after the Ontario government made moves to treat e-cigarettes like regular cigarettes.

Under the omnibus Making Healthier Choices Act, businesses that sell the liquid nicotine inhalers would not be allowed to advertise their products or sell to youth under 19 years old.

E-cigarette advocates say the vaporizers are healthier because they contain liquid nicotine without harmful additives found in cigarettes. Users are also inhaling mist — or "vaping" — rather than smoking.

"Hundreds of people come to my shop saying, oh they've quit (smoking), they reduced drastically," said Ethier.

Under this proposed new law, e-cigarette users will also not be allowed to "vape" in public settings. University of Ottawa law professor and public health activist David Sweanor said that sends the wrong message that e-cigarettes and regular cigarettes are the same thing.

"Don't just get involved in a moral panic that ends up subjecting smokers to a greater risk by keeping them smoking when they could move to something else," he said.

Ontario Associate Health Minister Dipika Damerla said the reason for the law is the lack of evidence on the effects of electronic cigarettes.

NDP health critic France Gelinas said "every month that goes by, more and more youth pick up smoking by experimenting with e-cigarettes and then making the switch."

But a study from the UK, released on Tuesday, suggests e-cigarettes are not gateway inhalers to the real thing.

The Office for National Statistics released survey results showing that just 0.14 per cent of e-cigarette users never smoked previously.

Health Canada has not authorized the sale of e-cigarettes and is advising Canadians against using the products. Because vaporizers are not approved for sale, businesses that sell them could face customs refusals or stop-sale requests from Health Canada. Since 2009, Health Canada has handled more than 250 complaints over the sales of e-cigarettes.

The bill is due to go into effect by Jan. 1, 2016.

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Teen suspect

Trial date set for alleged swatter

A judge has set a 10-day trial next year for an Ottawa teenager accused of a series of "swatting" incidents across North America — the same youth that an online hacker is trying to exonerate.

The 16-year-old boy from Barrhaven cannot be named under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Ottawa police arrested him on May 8 following an extensive investigation by several police forces, including the FBI. The alleged swatting incidents — prank emergency calls made to get the police SWAT team to respond — occurred in Canada and the U.S.

His trial is scheduled to begin on June 16, 2015.

Last weekend, a hacker known as Aerith launched an attack on the websites belonging to the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service in an attempt to convince police to drop the charges against the teen. The city website has been up and down, while the police website has been down since Saturday.

The anonymous hacker claims to have evidence proving the accused was wrongfully arrested and that the attacks in fact were caused by a man living in New Jersey.

Aerith also published the man's name and address, as well as an online activity log and several social media pages. Metro reached out to the man in New Jersey but has yet to receive a response.

The hacker also promised to stage another attack at 5 p.m. Tuesday, but so far Aerith has been silent.

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The debate over Uber and its services continues with the company refuting a Toronto claim that it poses a safety threat to riders. GETTY IMAGES

Competition Bureau makes case for Uber

Competition. Ride-sharing service has potential for 'important benefits to consumers,' says federal agency

Canada's Competition Bureau has weighed in on the debate about Uber's rough ride into the country in the past couple of years, and said Tuesday in an online commentary that the ride-sharing service can benefit consumers.

The independent government agency advocates for businesses in Canada to be part of a competitive marketplace.

Uber, a ride-sharing service that matches customers with independent drivers through a smartphone app, has been operating in other Canadian cities for years, but only launched in Ottawa in September.

It's been a bumpy road as city officials in Ottawa have charged 14 drivers since operations started for allegedly violating bylaws, since the drivers are not licensed.

Meanwhile, the City of Toronto is taking the company to court in an attempt to cease the company's operations entirely. That city has charged 36 drivers, according to a memo from the City of Ottawa on Nov. 18.

"The bureau believes municipalities should consider whether prohibitions on digital dispatch services and ride-sharing applications are necessary and explore whether less restrictive regulations could adequately address their concerns," the federal regulator wrote.

The commentary also said a service like Uber could provide "important benefits to consumers" through more competition, lower prices and better service quality.

Toronto's injunction against the company was filed out of public-safety concerns, which include lack of driver training, inadequate insurance and increased numbers of vehicles operating as taxicabs, resulting in traffic congestion.

"While the bureau is not well-placed to assess safety concerns, which may well be legitimate, we are able to highlight to regulators what they give up in terms of reduced competition when these innovative offerings are prohibited," the regulator said.

Mayor Jim Watson said Uber is welcome to do business as long as it complies with existing municipal bylaws.

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Police don high heels to bring attention to sexualized violence

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. Sergeant says more than 4,500 cases of partner assault are investigated annually

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Ottawa police officers strutted down Elgin Street very carefully in shimmering red high heels Tuesday as they came together to support a trifecta of initiatives aimed at raising awareness about ending violence against women.

Police Chief Charles Bordeleau led a group of his fellow officers from the Elgin Street station to City Hall in heels to mark the Walk A Mile In Her Shoes campaign.

The annual event is held nationwide to draw attention to sexualized violence. According to the website, "it gets the community to talk about something that's really difficult to talk about: gender relations and men's sexual violence against women."

Sgt. Colin Stokes, one of the officers who publicly promoted the cause, said police see upwards of 4,500 cases of partner assault investigated every year.

"Laying charges against offenders is only one way to address violence against women," he said.

It is one the reasons why police rallied Tuesday in support of initiatives like the White Ribbon Campaign and the Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women's Shine the Light campaign.

"It's through these kinds of initiatives and awareness-raising campaigns that change takes place in our community," said Stokes.

Violence against women is one of Bordeleau's top policing priorities. In the broader community, the issue has gained heightened attention in the media with the recent sexual assault allegations on Parliament Hill and at the CBC.

Urooj Mian, executive director of Women in International Security Canada, said the various campaigns can be a driver for women to report or get help for harassment and abuse.

"Part of the awareness is to create that recognition to share those resources and to encourage women coming forward, even knowing where to come forward and where to go," said Mian.

Insp. Mike Maloney trades his police shoes for red heels in support of the Walk A Mile In her Shoes campaign Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Tuesday also marked the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, during which WIIS-Canada will co-ordinate panel discussions with policy makers and survivors of sexual violence.

Vets face dizzying paperwork, long wait for benefits

Auditor general Michael Ferguson speaks during a news conference at the National Press Theatre on Tuesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The federal auditor general says some of Canada's battle-scarred veterans are waiting up to eight months before finding out whether they are eligible for mental health disability benefits.

And for a handful of them, the cumbersome application process is only the beginning of a battle for recognition and care that can rage on for years.

Michael Ferguson's fall report takes Veterans Affairs Canada — and to a lesser extent, National Defence — to task for saddling psychologically battered veterans with a dizzying array of paperwork, and for making them wait an unnecessarily long time for help.

"Access to the disability benefits program is slow and the application process is complex," said the audit released Tuesday.

The Harper government has tried to get out ahead of the scathing report by announcing an additional $200 million in funding over the next five years, much of which is to expand the department's system of operational stress injury clinics, where soldiers can get a formal diagnosis.

Wait times for Veterans Affairs referrals can reach up to three months, a delay that Ferguson says can "jeopardize" the stabilization and recovery of already fragile individuals.

The audit also catalogued delays veterans face in getting medical records from National Defence. Once the paperwork is assembled, Ferguson found it can take 16 weeks or more before Veterans Affairs decides whether a soldier is eligible to have treatment covered by the government. In total, Ferguson found veterans can wait up to eight months (32 weeks) for a decision, a delay he describes as totally unacceptable.

During the course of the audit, Veterans Affairs officials pushed back, saying delays do not prevent ex-soldiers from getting mental health care and a majority of the applications are completed within a mandated time frame.

But the report found the bureaucrats don't look at it from the veteran's point of view, which takes into account the time it takes to prepare an application and the time spent waiting for referrals.

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Jonas and the Massive Attraction mark 10 years with concert, album

Decade of success. Canadian rockers' new album, concert mark 10 years since the band's first release

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Jonas and the Massive Attraction play the Shenkman Arts Centre at 8 p.m. Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Ten years, 10 days, 10 songs — that was the formula Jonas and the Massive Attraction chose to follow for their new retrospective anniversary album "X" — and the band's lead singer says it helped them to capture a live, soulful sound and sum up where the band has been and where it's going.

"It's been really kind of quick in so many ways, but then I look back and how much we've done is really unbelievable. So when I look at it from that angle, it doesn't seem like it's gone by quickly," says Jonas Tomalty, who will be performing along with the Massive Attraction in Ottawa at the Shenkman Arts Centre on Friday.

The indie band has toured with Van Halen, Collective Soul, Deep Purple and Kid Rock, and Tomalty says he's looking forward to the release of their new album in Ottawa.

"I didn't want it too over-produced and over-polished," he says of the frantic recording schedule that he said was designed to capture the energy of a live performance.

They asked their fans on social media to pick three old songs for the band to re-record, they found two "gems" that hadn't made it on to previous albums for thematic reasons and then he said he and long-time musical partner, guitarist Corey Diabou went "knee to knee," at his cabin in Lac-Mégantic and wrote five songs in four days.

"That really added to the experience of this tenth anniversary album," he said, adding that having too many people involved in a recording can sometimes take a song in a direction its creator had never intended it to go.

"This allowed us to dig back into that writing combination that got us started."

A crunchy, hard-driving rock sound with notes of blues permeates the album and may remind some listeners of the heaviness of Danko Jones, a dash of Aerosmith and Jars of Clay and that broad, rich sound that define some of the Tea Party's songs.

A massive attraction

Jonas and the Massive Attraction will be playing at the Shenkman Arts Centre at 8 p.m. Friday. Tickets are available online at http://shenkmanarts.ca

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'Alice' production to play at National Arts Centre

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It was like a fantastical scene from a Lewis Carroll book on Tuesday, as Alice and the Red Queen played a giant chess match at Ottawa City Hall.

Alice (played by Natasha Greenblatt) and the Red Queen (Karen Robinson) moved the knee-high pieces around the board to compete for the crown.

The women are starring in the National Arts Centre (NAC) and Stratford Festival's production of Alice Through the Looking-Glass.

In this version, Alice steps through a mirror into the looking-glass world, where she winds up in a life-sized chess game as one of the pawns.

The late Canadian playwright James Reaney adapted Carroll's magical sequel to Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Jillian Keiley is the director of this production.

It's less like the Disney interpretation of Alice, explained Greenblatt, but it's still suitable for all ages.

"We do have Humpty Dumpty and we have Tweedledee and Tweedledum, but we don't have the caterpillar and the Cheshire Cat," she said.

"It's both darker and more theatrical and more silly than the Disney version."

Alice was the winner of Tuesday's chess match.

Alice Through the Looking-Glass runs Dec. 9 to Jan. 3 at the NAC.

Tickets range from $31 to $89 and are available online at the NAC's website, at the box office, at Ticketmaster outlets (with a service fee) or at 1-888-991-2787.

There will be a special pay-what-you-can show on Dec. 9, and previews Dec. 10 and 11.

Alice, played by Natasha Greenblatt, kisses the hand of the Red Queen (Karen Robinson), after a giant chess game at city hall on Tuesday. They are starring in the National Arts Centre's upcoming production of Alice Through the Looking-Glass. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

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Highlights from auditor general's report

Auditor general Michael Ferguson released his fall report Tuesday. Here are six issues highlighted by the audit team.

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Clutter in Library and Archives

Future generations may not be able to enjoy Canada's recorded heritage — including photos, maps and important documents — because Library and Archives Canada is not collecting all of the material it should from federal agencies.

The report says Library and Archives doesn't know what it already has due to a backlog of 98,000 boxes of records — almost one-quarter of them military files.

Sex offender registry lacking information

The national sex offender registry may not include some Canadians convicted of crimes abroad because the RCMP doesn't have access to Foreign Affairs information on convicts released from prisons in other countries. The report urges the RCMP to work with the department on improving information sharing. In general, the RCMP did not have access to information on Canadians arrested, charged, convicted and released from foreign prisons. However, the report says RCMP and Public Safety Canada were working with foreign police on investigations that affect Canadians.

Who benefits from food program in Northern Canada?

The federal government can't tell if northerners are reaping the full benefit of a program aimed at helping to offset the high cost of food in the North.

The audit team also had problems with the fact that the department doesn't collect reliable data on the profit margins of retailers in order to determine whether consumers are benefiting from the full subsidy.

Do soldiers get all moving benefits?

The RCMP gets a passing grade from the auditor general for the way it handles its multimillion-dollar relocation program, but National Defence is facing tough questions about how it moves members around the country.

The report says defence officials don't provide enough assurance that payments under the program are in accordance with the contract.

Perhaps more importantly for those in the military, the audit finds that the department doesn't use the information at its fingertips to ensure that its members consistently receive all the moving benefits to which they are entitled.

Aid projects plagued by delays

Funding delays of more than a year plagued two Canada humanitarian assistance projects in Syria, while the military's water-purification system didn't measure up during last year's typhoon in the Philippines. The report examined 42 Foreign Affairs projects totalling $172 million in response to eight global crises between April 2011 and December 2013, including African drought, an earthquake in Guatemala and Hurricane Sandy.

A struggle to obtain information on auto bailout

Canadians would have to go searching through a bunch of different reports if they wanted to piece together how their tax dollars were spent on big auto bailouts.

The audit team says they struggled to get a full picture of the aid given to automakers, whether the money made a difference and how much was recovered and lost.

They say that's because no single department or agency was in charge of collecting and reporting all this information.

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CBC radio host Jian Ghomeshi is shown in a handout photo. The CBC says Ghomeshi has withdrawn a $55-million lawsuit against the public broadcaster. CBC/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ghomeshi withdraws $55M CBC lawsuit

Abuse allegations.
CBC spokesman says both sides have reached an agreement

Scandal-plagued former radio host Jian Ghomeshi has reached an agreement with the CBC to withdraw his $55-million lawsuit against the public broadcaster, a CBC spokesman said on Tuesday.

Ghomeshi was fired by the CBC last month amid allegations of "abusive behaviour" from numerous women — claims which he has denied.

The 47-year-old former host of the radio program Q launched his lawsuit a day after the termination of his employment, alleging defamation and breach of confidence in his statement of claim.

The CBC then argued in court filings earlier this month that Ghomeshi's allegations were frivolous or vexatious, and urged a court to dismiss the suit.

CBC spokesman Chuck Thompson confirmed that lawyers for both sides have now reached an agreement.

"The suit is being withdrawn with costs in favour of CBC," he said. "He's getting nothing."

Ghomeshi is expected to pay $18,000 in legal costs to the CBC, Thompson said.

The agreement still needs to be formalized through a court — a step Thompson said is expected in the near future.

Ghomeshi had also filed a union grievance against the CBC alleging dismissal without cause, a matter which Thompson said still remains active.

A lawyer for Ghomeshi confirmed that the lawsuit between his client and the CBC "has been resolved."

"CBC and Mr. Ghomeshi will address all issues in the lawsuit in binding arbitration in accordance with the collective agreement between them," said Jonathan Lisus. "Counsel appointed by the union will have carriage of the arbitration."

The CBC has said it decided to fire Ghomeshi after seeing "graphic evidence" that he had physically injured a woman.

Since his dismissal, nine women have come forward with allegations, some dating back a decade, that Ghomeshi sexually or physically assaulted them, and police are investigating complaints by at least three of them.

Ghomeshi — who faces no charges — admitted in a lengthy Facebook post published on Oct. 26, the day he was fired, that he engaged in "rough sex," but insisted his encounters with women were consensual. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Halifax police probe possible breach of publication ban

Police have launched an investigation into a possible breach of a publication ban after a major news outlet in Halifax published the name of a teenage girl at the centre of a high-profile child pornography case.

Const. Pierre Bourdages said Tuesday they had received several reports from citizens complaining about the use of the girl's name, which is subject to a publication ban under the Criminal Code.

"There's already been a number of complaints filed with the department in relation to this article," he said.

"There's an alleged breach of the publication ban ... so we have an investigation ongoing now."

The news outlet said late Monday that it decided to name the girl because it believes doing so is in the public interest given the widespread recognition of her name and the good that can come from free public debate over sexual consent and other elements of her story.

The girl's family has been steadfast in their opposition to the ban, arguing that concealing her name ends up silencing her and suppressing part of her story.

Her father, who often wore T-shirts bearing her name in court, said he was thrilled to see the outlet use his daughter's name.

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Financial information

First Nations face consequences over transparency laws: Government

First Nations that flout the Conservative government's new financial transparency law have been told they could face consequences ranging from a public shaming to possible court action.

Aboriginal Affairs wrote to a number of First Nations last month to advise them they have until Wednesday to publish their financial information online. If they don't, they will find themselves on a list of delinquents that the department plans to publish on its website on Thursday.

There is a requirement that First Nations come up with a list of all the steps they need to take in order to prepare and publish their financial information.

But Aboriginal Affairs is warning it could come down harder on those that don't comply with the law.

One of those actions could be to order third-party managers to withhold band councillors' pay. Or Aboriginal Affairs could notify other departments, those with which the First Nations have funding agreements, of their non-compliance — presumably so those organizations could take actions of their own. The department has also told First Nations it is prepared to go to court to get them to publish their financial information.

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From Ferguson to Ottawa

Post aimed at non-black protesters sparks debate

A suggestion that white and non-black protesters limit their visibility and "stand behind black folks" at protests Tuesday in Ottawa and Toronto against the fatal shooting of a black teen in Ferguson, Mo., has sparked a heated debate on social media. Bilan Arte, one of the Ottawa event organizers, says on the vigil's Facebook page that "white/non black allies" should "refrain from taking up space." The same message appeared on the Facebook page for the Toronto rally, asking whites and non-blacks to not speak to the media, saying "black voices are crucial to this."

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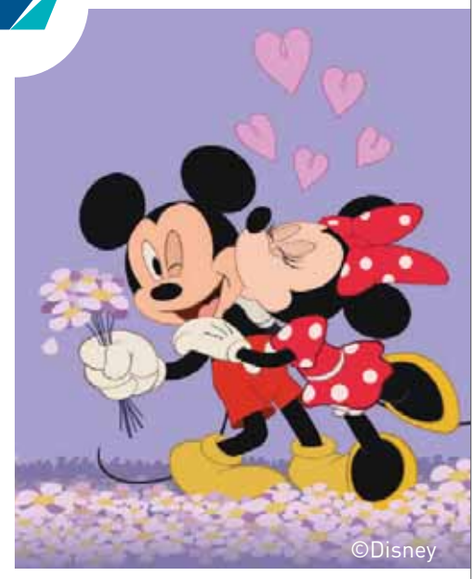

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Freedom. Ex-hairstylist close to exoneration

A former hairstylist turned drug dealer who spent 23 years in prison for murder has moved one step closer to possibly clearing his name.

Federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay has referred Frank Ostrowski's case to the Manitoba Court of Appeal for a conviction review.

MacKay said in a written statement he was "satisfied there is a reasonable basis to conclude that a miscarriage of justice likely occurred in Mr. Ostrowski's 1987 conviction."

Ostrowski, 65, said he is anxious for the ordeal to be over.

"It doesn't take long to put somebody in (prison), but it takes them a long time to change things," he said after a brief court appearance in which his bail was continued.

Ostrowski was found guilty of ordering the shooting death of Robert Nieman over a drug debt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Florida. Quebec man's trial date set for January

A Quebec man accused of travelling to the U.S. to have sex with someone he thought was an underage boy is set to go on trial in Florida in January.

A two-week jury trial has been scheduled for Rene Roberge beginning on Jan. 12.

Roberge, 47, was arrested at the Fort Lauderdale airport earlier this month after a flight from Montreal.

He has pleaded not guilty to charges of attempting to coerce and entice a minor to engage in sexual activity, travelling to the U.S. with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct and transporting material involving sexual exploitation of minors.

Court documents also allege Roberge planned to travel to Texas for similar sexual activity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Magnotta defence rests its case, prosecution to rebut

Diran Lin, father of Jun Lin, leaves the courtroom at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta on Tuesday in Montreal. Magnotta is charged in connection with the death and dismemberment of university student Jun Lin, a case that made international headlines. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shifting focus. The prosecution will now call rebuttal witnesses

The defence formally rested its case in the first-degree murder trial of Luka Rocco Magnotta on Tuesday without the accused having taken the stand.

Attorney Luc Leclair presented a dozen witnesses over two weeks, and although Magnotta did not testify, Leclair called several witnesses, namely his father and two forensic psychiatrists who assessed him for criminal responsibility.

Magnotta, 32, is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin, a Chinese engineering student. The accused admitted to the killing, but pleaded not guilty due to a mental disorder.

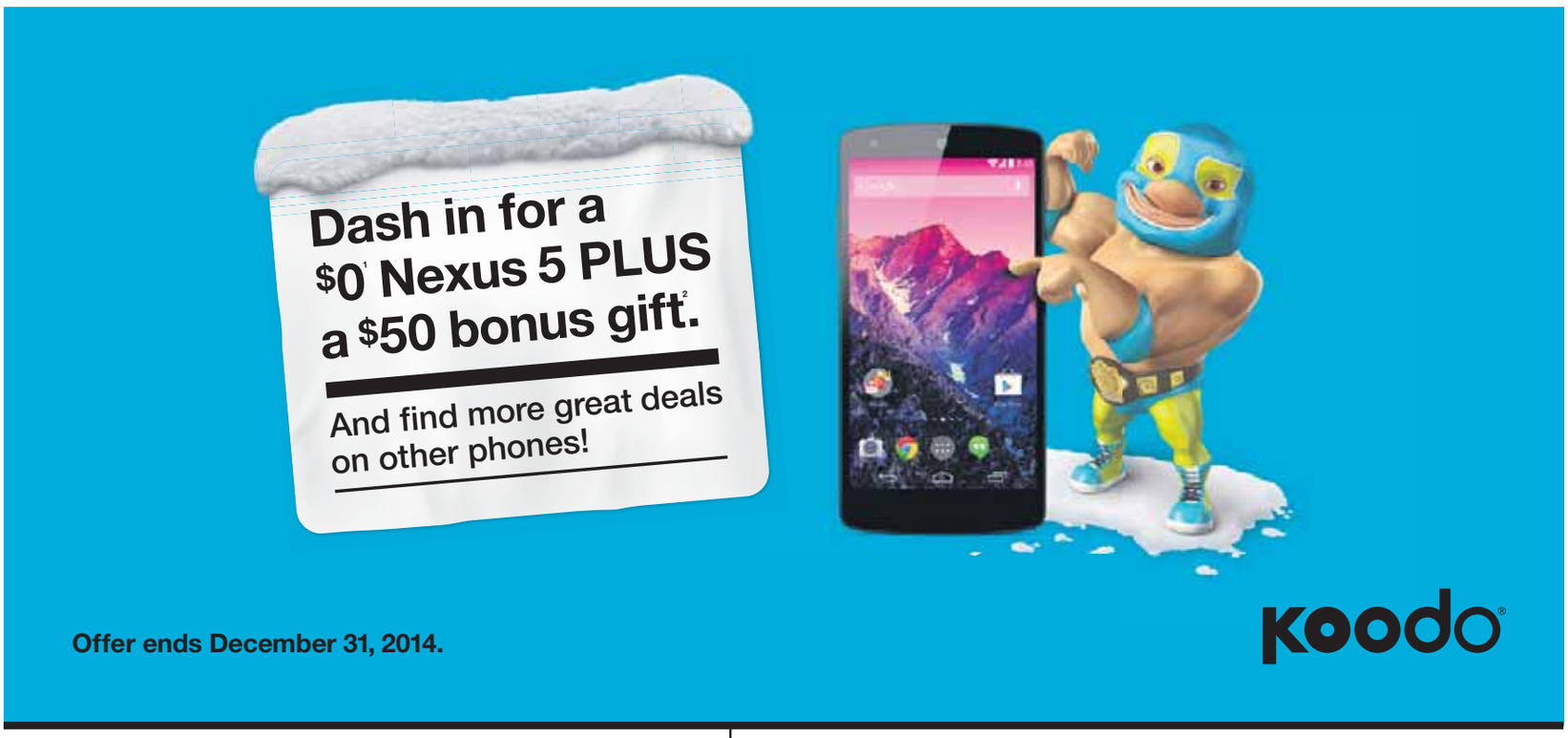
The two psychiatrists hired by the defence have said they believe Magnotta was in a psychotic state the night Lin was killed and that he was unable to tell right from wrong. They also noted his schizophrenia had gone untreated since 2010.

Crown witness Dr. Joel Paris, a Montreal psychiatrist, said Tuesday he observed no signs of schizophrenia or indications of prolonged psychosis when he met with Magnotta about a month before the slaying

"We didn't have the evidence for it," Paris said. "In other words, there was no evidence of an extended period of psychosis or chronic psychosis."

Magnotta faces four other charges, including criminally harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other MPs, mailing indecent material. committing an indignity to a body and publishing obscene materials.

With the trial now in its ninth week, the prosecution will now call rebuttal witnesses with the defence having rested its case. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Meet the family, or perhaps not

When reporter Jessica Smith Cross learned Silicon Valley genetics testing service 23andme was offering Canadians a new $199 mail-in test, she was curious: How much could she learn from her DNA and how much should she learn? This is the first in a three-part series in which Smith Cross — who took the spit test — delves into the implications of increasingly easy testing in the complicated legal and ethical Canadian landscape. First up: When it comes to your genes, why would you want to know?

JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

Carolynn Baird had given up on ever meeting her birth mother.

Baird, now in her 70s, has Parkinson's disease and signed up to the California-based genetic testing company 23andme to learn about her genes. She wanted to know if she had a genetic family history of Parkinson's, or if environmental factors were more likely to blame. Being adopted, she didn't know.

But the service didn't just give her access to her familial medical history — it gave her access to her family: Specifically, her mother.

23andme offers its $199 genetic testing kits free to Parkinson's patients in an effort to aid research into the disease.

When she got the results, Baird learned she didn't have the typical genetic variant that's believed to predispose people to Parkinson's. She also learned she has a second cousin who, like her, had signed up to 23andme's relative-finding service.

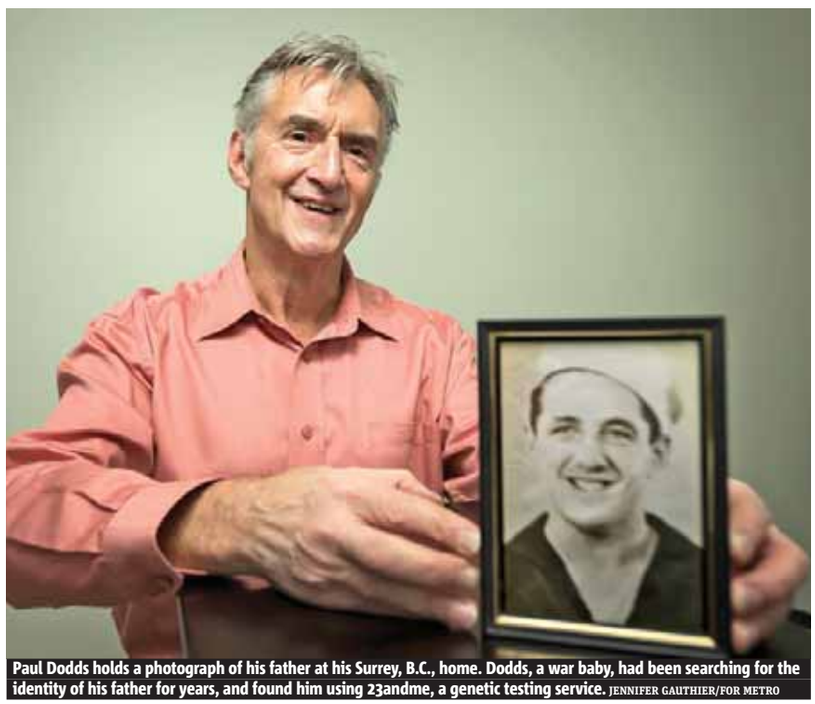
She contacted the woman.

"I discovered that she knew my birth family. It was quite a shock."

Baird was adopted at six months and grew up in Ontario's Niagara Peninsula. She said she wanted to know her family out of "human curiosity."

Because of 23andme, Baird met "about 50" relatives and plans to keep in touch.

"This summer my immediate family, my kids, my husband and I, we went to one of their homes and met all the cousins and all the nieces and it was an absolutely wonderful experience," Baird said. "I never expected my mother would still be here. It was quite amazing, really."



Paul Dodds holds a photograph of his father at his Surrey, B.C., home. Dodds, a war baby, had been searching for the identity of his father for years, and found him using 23andme, a genetic testing service. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

It's all in your genes

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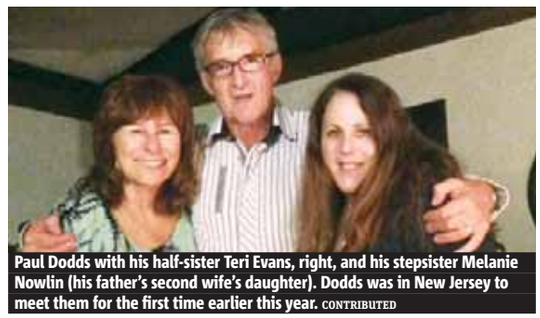

Paul Dodds with his half-sister Teri Evans, right, and his stepsister Melanie Nowlin (his father's second wife's daughter). Dodds was in New Jersey to meet them for the first time earlier this year. CONTRIBUTED

Unlike Baird, when I signed up to 23andme, I chose not to be notified if I have any relatives who use the service. I love the family members I have and have no desire to get in touch with a fourth or fifth cousin. But, it hadn't occurred to me, until I spoke with people who are searching for family, what it might mean to find a distant cousin and use that connect to sleuth out family.

Still, Baird has not spoken with her mother. Her family pointed her out, but Baird chose not to tell her, that she was her daughter.

"Since she had never told anyone about me, I didn't want to disturb her life at this stage. So when I went to see her, I just saw her. I didn't go and speak to her," Baird said.

In Surrey, B.C., resident Paul Dodds is urging Canadians, especially those who had relatives in the military, to take DNA tests so "war babies" like him who are the children of North American men who served overseas, have a chance to find their relatives.

Dodds grew up thinking his mother's husband, Len Dodds, was his father.

When he was 50, Len passed away from a rare cancer. He called a relative to find out more about Len's medical history and that's when an uncle told him the truth.

"My mother had been deliberately lying to me," Dodds said. "She was hiding something and I had to find out."

Dodds was born in Wales, just after the Second World War.

Dodds tried 23andme and found a first cousin, who led him to his half sister, who lives in New Jersey. He learned his biological father, Leon Rossien, was in Dodds' mother's area around Victory in Europe Day, May 8, 1945, when Dodds was conceived.

What if records are not legally available?

An alternate way to trace birth parents

A mother who gave up her child for adoption — or a once-anonymous sperm donor — can be discovered through 23andme if one of their blood relatives signs up and gets in contact with the person seeking the identity of their family. But that's not to say the mother or father wants to be found.

The laws surrounding the disclosures of birth parents' identity differs across Canada. For example, the parents of children born in Alberta and adopted prior to 2005, can veto the disclosure of their identities to the child. Parents in Ontario can veto the release of their identities if the adoption occurred before Sept. 1, 2008. In B.C., that veto date is November 1996. In Nova Scotia, both birth parent and adopted child must agree to the disclosure of the parent's identity. Manitoba's laws are set to change next year so that parents and children will no longer be able to veto the release of their information.

So, children seeking their birth parents can, in some cases, find out who they are through 23andme, even if the government records wouldn't legally be available in their situation.

Sometimes, finding out family members you didn't know you had isn't a good thing.

For example, a biology teacher wrote an essay on Vox.com about how he accidently gave his parents "the gift of divorce" when he gave them 23andme kits for Christmas, and they found his father had fathered another child.

"I'm really devastated at the outcome," the man, who withheld his name, wrote. "I wrestle with these emotions. I love my family. This is nothing I ever would have wished."

Ferguson awakens to destruction after night of protests and arrests

Shooting death of Michael Brown.
Protesters peaceful and violent alike took to the streets last night in wake of grand jury decision

Missouri's governor ordered more National Guardsmen into Ferguson on Tuesday to keep order after a night of violence over the grand jury decision in the police shooting of Michael Brown.

Smoke billowed from burned-out Ferguson businesses on Tuesday and glass littered the sidewalks from display windows that were smashed during the protests that erupted after it was announced that police Officer Darren Wilson wouldn't be indicted for killing Brown on Aug. 9.

More than a dozen businesses were badly damaged or destroyed. Authorities reported hearing hundreds of gunshots, which for a time prevented fire crews from fighting the flames.

There were 61 arrests in Ferguson overnight, St. Louis County Police spokesman Brian Schellman said. There were 21 arrests in St. Louis, where protesters broke some store windows along South Grand Avenue, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay said.

At least 18 people were injured and sought treatment at area hospitals, including someone who was shot and recovering Tuesday at SSM DePaul Health Center. The hospital didn't give any details about the shooting. Two other people were admitted to Barnes-Jewish Hospital for undisclosed injuries. Everyone else was treated and released.

The grand jury's decision means that Wilson, who is white, will not face any state criminal charges for killing Brown, who was black and unarmed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Simmering U.S. tensions

The world reacts

The violent protests in Ferguson, Missouri, reflect simmering U.S. tensions over racial discrimination that could undermine the country's stability, a senior Russian diplomat said Tuesday. The comments by the Russian Foreign Ministry's human rights envoy, Konstantin Dolgov, were among the sharpest from a foreign official as images of violent protests in Ferguson topped newscasts around the world.

This aerial photo shows the St. Louis skyline in the distance, Tuesday, as businesses smolder in Ferguson, Mo., after they were burned in overnight protests following a grand jury's decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the killing of Michael Brown. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ferguson officer says he couldn't have prevented Brown's killing

Darren Wilson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson says he couldn't have done anything differently in his confrontation with Michael Brown to have prevented the 18-year-old's shooting death.

Wilson made his first public statements Tuesday during an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos.

He told Stephanopoulos he has a clean conscience because "I know I did my job right."

Wilson was placed on leave Aug. 9, the day the white officer fatally shot Brown, who was unarmed and black.

Wilson had been with the Ferguson police force for less than three years before the shooting. He told Stephanopoulos that Brown's shooting marked the first time he had used his gun.
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Details

ABC News' George Stephanopoulos landed the much-sought first television interview with Darren Wilson, speaking to him for an hour Tuesday in Missouri.

- The network interrupted its afternoon programming Tuesday for Stephanopoulos to talk about the interview, even before excerpts were available.
- In television terms, the Wilson interview was one of the biggest "gets" of the year, and the Ferguson police officer reportedly held discussions with representatives from CBS, NBC and CNN before deciding to speak with Stephanopoulos.

Cairo

At least 19 killed after building collapses

An apartment building in Egypt's capital collapsed Tuesday, killing at least 19 people. Neighbours said the seven-story building had several floors illegally added onto it.
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Neighbours watch rescue operations Tuesday. AMR NABI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France

Pope seeks to inspire Europe in Strasbourg speech

Pope Francis tried Thursday to inspire an old and "haggard" Europe to find its vigour and greatness once again, urging governments to welcome migrants, care for the elderly and create jobs.

Francis outlined his vision for the continent in a pair of speeches to the European Parliament and Council of Europe.

Specifically, he called for legislators to promote policies that create jobs and accept immigrants.
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Nigeria

More than 40 killed in Maiduguri suicide bombing

Two teenage girls entered a busy marketplace separately Tuesday, the first detonating her bomb and killing three women. As rescuers rushed in, the second girl screamed and set off her explosives, killing dozens more, according to witnesses and authorities.

Suspicion immediately fell on the Islamic militant group Boko Haram. It was not known Tuesday if the attackers were connected to the April abduction of over 200 schoolgirls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beirut

Lebanese authorities detain pro-Hezbollah singer over his songs

Lebanese authorities have detained a pro-Hezbollah singer over some of his songs, including one that calls Saudi Arabia a "terrorist," judicial officials and his father said Tuesday.

Ali Barakat became known last year after releasing songs related to Syria's civil war, including one about the opposition stronghold of Yabroud that was captured earlier this year by Syrian troops and Hezbollah fighters.

Barakat was detained Monday when he went to collect his passport from the General Directorate of General Security in the southern town of Nabatiyeh, his father Mohammed Barakat said.

In April, authorities issued a summons for Barakat over releasing sectarian songs that "harm Lebanon's relations" with Arab countries. An official close to Hezbollah said Barakat is not a member with the group.

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Israel

President cancels pop star's appearance at event

Israel's president on Tuesday cancelled the appearance of a local pop star at a high-profile public event following the star's release of a new song focusing on a fictional Arab who stabs Jews.

The release of the song by singer Amir Benayoun reflects the recent tensions between Jews and Muslims, connected in large part to competing claims to the most sensitive holy site in Jerusalem.

President Reuven Rivlin, whose largely ceremonial role is meant to serve as a moral compass for the country, has repeatedly appealed for calm.

On Tuesday, Rivlin's office said it was cancelling its invitation for Benayoun to perform at an event next week marking the expulsion and exile of Jews from Arab countries and Iran.

"(Benayoun's) statements made at this time of conflict and tension ... do not, to say the least, help bring calm to the streets," Rivlin's office said in a statement.

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Cosby's philanthropic image affected by recent allegations

Accusations of sexual assault. Universities, colleges distance themselves from comedian in light of women coming forward

Bill Cosby's record of big donations to colleges and other institutions has been a key part of his rosy public image. But even his generosity can't stand apart from the rising tide of allegations made by women accusing him of sexual assault.

A North Carolina school, High Point University, removed the 77-year-old entertainer from its national board of advisors, a panel that includes retired Gen. Colin Powell. The university referred to Cosby as "one of the most influential performers of our time" when it announced his appointment last July.

The Berklee College of Music said in a statement Monday that it is "no longer awarding an online scholarship in Mr. Cosby's name. The college has no further comment at this time."

More telling would be a decision by an institution to publicly renounce any of the tens of millions of dollars that he and his wife, Camille, have given over the years, or rejection of a new donation. Neither has occurred.

"I don't want to belittle the implications of the accusations, but nothing has been proven and he has not been charged," said Michael Chatman, a philanthropy expert and founder of a speakers' bureau on the field. Recipients of Cosby largesse are likely to adopt a wait-and-see attitude because of that, he said.

If there was to be a verdict in a criminal or civil case, "I think you would see a devastating effect in terms of his philanthropic and charitable legacy," Chatman said. It's unlikely an institution would return a donation, he said, but new recipients could be expected to carefully weigh the implications of accepting money.

There was no response from Cosby's publicist to a request for comment. His attorney, Martin Singer, has called the growing number of sexual assault allegations "unsubstantiated" and "discredited" and accused the media of vilifying the actor and comedian once known as "America's dad" for his role as a loving patriarch on the hit sitcom The Cosby Show.

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Keynote speaker Bill Cosby, left, and Spelman College President Dr. Beverly Tatum talk before the start of commencement at the school in Atlanta in 2006. W.A. HAREWOOD/FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Details

Temple University said Bill Cosby remains a trustee of the Philadelphia institution, a position he's held since 1982. He's considered its most famous alumnus and has often spoken at commencement, drawing huge cheers.

- A Temple spokesman confirmed the campus has no buildings named for Cosby, but does offer a $3,000 science scholarship named for Cosby and his wife. He declined further comment.
- In 2006, Cosby settled a lawsuit filed by a former Temple employee who alleged he drugged and fondled her at his suburban Philadelphia mansion. Cosby was represented by Patrick O'Connor, chairman of Temple's board of trustees.
- In recent weeks, at least seven women have publicly accused Cosby of sexual assault years ago. Cosby has not been charged in connection with any of the allegations. Published reports say that as many as 16 women have publicly accused Cosby of sexual assault.

Frozen toys knock Barbie from top spot

New survey. Girls are not letting go of their love of Elsa, while boys are going gaga for LEGO this holiday season

The Disney Frozen Sparkle Princess Elsa Doll. CONTRIBUTED

For the first time in more than a decade, Barbie has been frozen out of the top spot on the holiday wish lists of girls.

The new reigning champion in the hearts of little girls is Team Elsa.

The megahit Frozen has earned Disney more than a billion at the box office worldwide and the gravitational pull of the animated film has now plucked Barbie from the throne she has occupied for 11 years, according to a survey by the National Retail Federation, based in the U.S.

The NRF's Holiday Top Toys Survey found that one in five parents, or 20 per cent, plans to buy Frozen merchandise for their girls. That beats the 16.8 per cent that are looking to make a Barbie purchase.

Barbie's star has faded of late, with sales of the iconic doll dropping 21 per cent in the third quarter, according to the toy company Mattel Inc.

Frozen, even a year after the release of the film, continues to rule the playground, where girls spontaneously form circles and burst into songs like Let It Go, and For the First Time in Forever.

Dolls dominated the top five spots for girls in the NRF poll. Monster High dolls took the fourth spot and American Girl grabbed the fifth position.

For boys, the NRF said that the No. 1 spot is again held by LEGO, which by its own right had a big, box office smash. Cars and trucks came in second place, while Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were in third place.

The NRF survey, which was released late Monday, polled 6,593 consumers from Nov. 3 to Nov. 10. The survey was conducted for NRF by Prosper Insights & Analytics. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 1.2 percentage points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bollywood's year of the woman

In this Sept. 17 file photo, Bollywood actors Hrithik Roshan, right, and Katrina Kaif pose for the media during the music launch of their upcoming film Bang Bang in Mumbai, India. This is Bollywood's year of the woman. Some of the biggest hits in India's prolific movie industry this year have female leads in female-oriented stories but a film actress gets paid a fraction of what their male counterparts command. Top male stars earn around 400 million rupees ($6.7 million US) per film on average, apart from a share of the profits, according to industry experts. A-list actresses such as Deepika Padukone and Kaif get paid a tenth of that per film. RAFIQ MAQBOO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Waterloo, Ont.

BlackBerry paying people to ditch their iPhones

BlackBerry hopes a $600 incentive will convince iPhone users to swap their touchscreen Apple device for a keyboard-equipped BlackBerry Passport.

The technology company plans to launch the holiday promotion in December, giving customers up to $400 of trade-in value, plus $200 through a prepaid credit card. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FDA finally unveils new calorie count rules in U.S.

American diners will soon know how many calories are in that bacon cheeseburger at a chain restaurant, the pasta salad in the supermarket salad bar and even that buttery tub of popcorn at the movie theatre.

The Food and Drug Administration in the U.S. announced long-delayed calorie labeling rules Tuesday, requiring establishments that sell prepared foods and have 20 or more locations to post the calorie content of food and beverages "clearly and conspicuously" on their menus, menu boards and displays. Companies have until a year from now to comply.

"Americans eat and drink about one-third of their calories away from home, and people today expect clear information about the products they consume," FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said.

Where the labels will be

Calorie content will appear on menus and menu boards in chain restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops, pizza delivery stores, movie theatres, amusement parks and any other locations that are part of a larger chain and serve prepared foods. They will also apply to some prepared foods in supermarkets and convenience stores.

Why the rules were delayed

Calorie labeling became law as part of health overhaul in early 2010, almost five years ago. Hamburg says writing the rules was challenging because of the need to navigate concerns of the varied establishments that sell food. Supermarkets, convenience stores and pizza deliverers lobbied hardest against the rules. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OECD trims forecasts for Canada

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development has trimmed its forecast for the Canadian economy and is predicting the Bank of Canada will start raising its key interest rate in late May.

In its latest outlook Tuesday, the OECD predicted the Canadian economy will grow by 2.4 per cent this year, 2.6 per cent in 2015, and 2.4 per cent in 2016, largely driven by export demand from the U.S. economy.

The estimate was down compared from the group's May forecast that predicted the Canadian economy would grow by 2.5 per cent this year and 2.7 per cent in 2015.

"Exports will be supported by stronger foreign-market growth and recent currency depreciation," said the report.

"Business investment should strengthen with improved demand, to boost capacity and cost competitiveness."

The OECD said the forecast was based on the Bank of Canada starting to raise its key interest rate in late May next year and steadily after that.

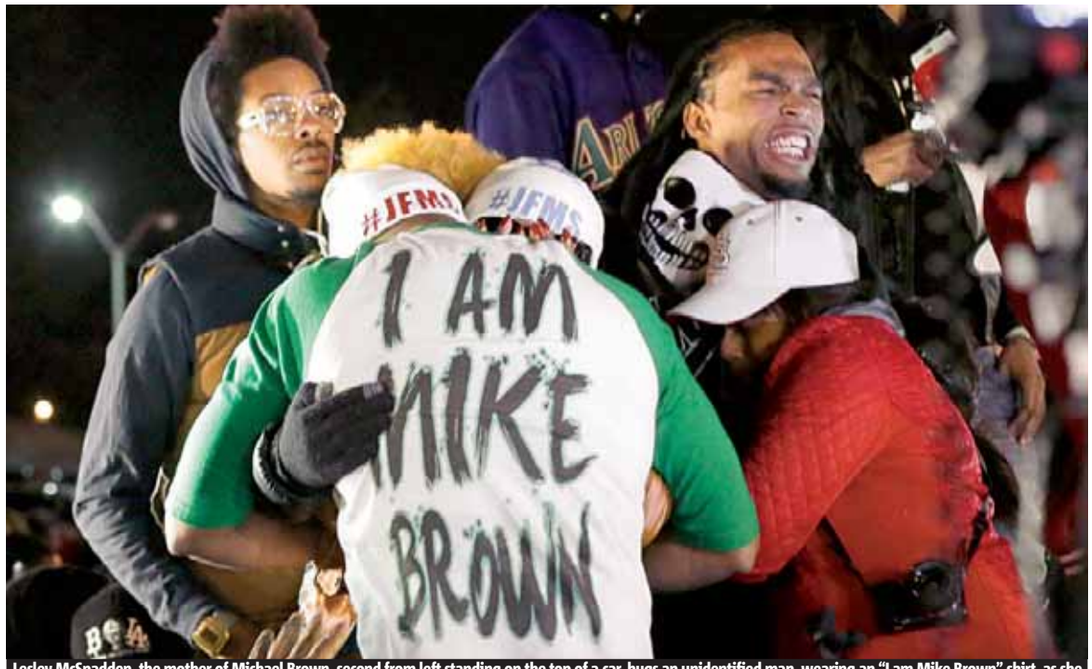
The report noted that inflation, a key driver of interest rates, has returned to the two per cent target range used by the Bank of Canada due in part to the weaker loonie. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VOICES

‘HANDS UP, DON’T SHOOT’ RESONATES HERE

In the aftermath of the grand jury’s decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown, emotions are running high and many questions remain. Jen Taplin spoke with author, activist, spoken-word artist, professor and Halifax Regional Municipality’s poet laureate El Jones on why Canada needs to pay attention

JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro in Halifax



Lesley McSpadden, the mother of Michael Brown, second from left standing on the top of a car, hugs an unidentified man, wearing an “I am Mike Brown” shirt, as she listens to the announcement of the grand jury decision Monday in Ferguson, Mo. A grand jury has decided not to indict. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What was your reaction when you heard Darren Wilson would not be indicted? What’s the saying? ‘Shocked, but not surprised.’

To indict the officer is to indict the system and they can’t indict the system without then reforming it, so I didn’t expect anything to happen there.

What do you think about the reaction across the United States? You’ve seen photos of them being treated like it’s a hostile military country imposing no-fly zones.

So that’s very disturbing, that people who are citizens of the country being treated like the enemy, with the same tactics they’re using in Iraq or Afghanistan as invaders, and occupation is being directed at its own citizens.

From the beginning, there’s been a consistent police response, which has been about repression rather than recognizing the right of the people to be in their own streets in their own country. We tend to get this media response that it’s looting, it’s rioting. (But) it’s revolution.

The people are recognizing the solutions are not going to lie inside the political system, the justice system. It’s going to have to be from people making their own response and that’s what we’ve seen on the streets of Ferguson.

People want to characterize that as violence as that delegitimizes the protest ... I know people get frightened when something revolutionary happens, but I think it’s positive because what we’ve seen is the ordinary people organizing ...

What about the reaction in Canada? There’s been a lot more awareness of racial profiling and police brutality in general ... We had the Moncton shootings and we’re always coming through this lens in Canada, especially with Ottawa, of violence against police versus police violence.

There’s that question of is it disrespectful to talk about the police when we’ve had Moncton? When we held the Ferguson Rally in Halifax people said, ‘There aren’t shootings here, so why are you holding a rally?’

And we said, ‘Well, that’s why. We want to get people organized to work in our communities before there’s a crisis point, because once you’re in crisis, there’s no justice and there’s nothing that can happen. Once somebody’s dead, what can you do?’

As African people, we have the right to engage our police departments, we should have a race relations committee, we should have members of the community that are keeping the police accountable, we should be doing neighbourhood watch and police watch to make sure policing in our community is in relation to us and we have whatever relationships we need to have in the police department.

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El Jones, on why it’s important to protest in Canada

Grand juries

The difference between U.S. and Canada

KATE PUDDISTER
Guest column

When a grand jury looked at the shooting death of Michael Brown, it was not assessing the guilt or innocence of Officer Darren Wilson, but rather if the prosecution could lay a charge against him and what that charge should be.

In the U.S., grand jury deliberations are controlled by the prosecution and done in secret. The prosecution presents evidence and explains the law to the jury and how it applies to the particular case. The defence does not participate in a grand jury and thus, there is no cross-examination of witnesses. The findings of a grand jury do not have to be unanimous; in Missouri, nine out of 12 jurors must support indictment for a charge to be laid. Prosecutor Robert McCulloch did not have to go the grand jury route. He could have laid charges and proceeded to a preliminary hearing, a process also used in Canada for serious offences. Unlike a grand jury, a preliminary hearing takes place in an open court, is supervised by a judge, and allows for the cross-examination of witnesses by the defence.

Canada does not use a grand jury process. Instead, in most Canadian provinces the police have the power to lay charges in criminal matters (with the exception of B.C. and Quebec). Once charges have been laid, it is up to the Crown prosecutor to decide which charges will be pursued in court. The Crown must decide based on the evidence if the prosecution is in the public interest and if there is a likelihood of conviction. Had this incident taken place in Ontario, the Special Investigations Unit (an independent civilian agency), would investigate and determine if criminal charges should be laid, as was the case most recently in the police shooting death of Sammy Yatim in Toronto, who, in an incident caught on tape, was shot eight times by police on a streetcar. The officer in the Yatim case, James Forcillo, was charged with second-degree murder by the SIU and is currently awaiting trial.

It is difficult to know whether the outcome would be different had the Ferguson case taken place in Canada. Arguably, in an Ontario scenario, the process would have been less controlled by the prosecution, there would have been a SIU investigation, the evidence presented would be subject to more restrictions and cross-examination by the defence. Finally, the decision to prosecute would not be left to a secret decision made by 12 anonymous individuals.

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Canadian stats

In at least one Canadian jurisdiction, police rarely face charges when involved in violent incidents.

- According to a 2010 investigation by the Toronto Star, the SIU had to date conducted more than 3,400 investigations, with criminal charges being laid in only 95 cases. Only 16 officers had been convicted of a crime and three had gotten jail time.

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SCENE 2

Aniston revs up Dr. Julia's raunch in Horrible Bosses 2

Movies. Actress game to spice up sex fiend reboot but draws the line at mixing smut with gravy

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Metro World News in Hollywood

In Horrible Bosses 2, Jennifer Aniston's sexually predatory Dr. Julia character from the first film finds herself in a setting that shouldn't be that surprising: a support group for sexual compulsives. Only she's not necessarily there with the most honest of intentions. Apparently she was faking the first step.

"I think the intention was to maybe seek help, but I think what she ultimately found out was that this is just like chum for her," Aniston says of the scene.

"What a wonderful sort of easy (opportunity). I'm sure she'd lost all of her patients, she'd done all of them, so maybe this was just another wonderful, innocent way to find more prey."

Dr. Julia as a character is one that got Aniston a lot of acclaim the first time around, particularly because it involved more raunch and raciness than audiences were necessarily expecting from her, and that's something she revelled in.

"She's a hard one to let go of. I didn't get enough of her. It was just like a little In and Out burger, and then she was done," Aniston says.

"I find it extremely entertaining, the way she speaks, because I don't really think, to her, she's saying anything inappropriate. I think to her, it's describing the ingredients to a wonderful soufflé or what are we going to be doing this weekend."

Quoted

"I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?' I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.'"

Jennifer Aniston

Jennifer Aniston as Dr. Julia in Horrible Bosses 2. CONTRIBUTED

Horrible Bosses 2

Director. Sean Anders

Stars. Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day, Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Spacey

The second look at the pitiful employment record of Nick (Jason Bateman), Kurt (Jason Sudeikis) and Dale (Charlie Day) sees them try to strike it rich with a new product called the Shower Buddy, but when a shady billionaire (Christoph Waltz) pulls a fast one, they get even by kidnapping his son (Chris Pine).

There are more laughs on the average job application than in this workplace "comedy." Bateman, Sudeikis and Day seem to be having fun, joking and jostling like brothers, giggling as if they are in on a fantastic gag that only they get. It's too bad the audience doesn't have as much fun watching the movie as the cast apparently did while making it. RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy vs. drama

Horrible Bosses 2 isn't the only big film Jennifer Aniston has on tap.

- **She's also been getting rave reviews for her more serious work in the indie drama Cake, which can lead to a bit of promotional schizophrenia. But she wouldn't have it any other way.**
- **"I love doing both," Aniston says. "I mean, I think one accesses one part of my brain, and the other accesses another. Anytime I approach any character, comedy or drama, it's grounded in reality coming from the truth. There's comedy in drama and drama in comedy — I don't find the two exclusive of one another."**

For a sequel, though, clearly the envelope needed to be pushed.

"Honestly, I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?'

"I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.' I think it rose itself to the occasion. The dialogue was great," she says.

Well, maybe not all of it was that great. There's a moment during the outtakes that play over the film's credits where Aniston flat-out refuses to say an improvised line of dialogue — and now she can't even remember what it was.

"I want to know what the line was! I don't remember," she says.

"The one thing I wouldn't say — imagine how bad it must've been if I said that I can't say it. Either it was so bad or I just really didn't understand it — probably one of the two."

Luckily, one of the film's producers is on hand to remind her: It had something to do with using gravy for sexual purposes.

"It had to do with gravy? Well there you go, right there," she says. "I can tell you, gravy is not funny. Sexual gravy is not funny."

Patrick Schwarzenegger and Miley Cyrus ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Patrick convinces mom Miley's a sweetie

Maria Shriver has reportedly warmed to the idea of son Patrick Schwarzenegger dating Miley Cyrus — and just in time for the holidays! So how did Schwarzenegger convince his mom that his girlfriend is up to snuff? The old-fashioned way: pointing out that she's not Taylor Swift. "Patrick has done a marvellous job in turning Maria from being violently opposed to now saying she's a sweet girl and she was really mistaken from not knowing her and only knowing about her from her press," a source tells Radar Online.

"Maria was terrified that it would be another nightmare like the Taylor situation. Taylor Swift was their biggest fear. They all thought it was going to turn out like that." The *that* in question, by the way, is when Swift briefly dated 18-year-old Conor Kennedy and came on strong enough to rattle the Kennedy clan, of which Shriver is a member. "Patrick is really trying to give Miley positive PR with the Kennedy-Shriver clan," a source says.

Hope they don't see the photos from her birthday party, then.

Beleaguered Cosby to have even more free time on his hands

Bill Cosby's schedule keeps freeing up thanks to the mounting attention around the numerous allegations of sexual assault against him.

Case in point: Cosby's performance at Foxwoods Casino's Grand Theater, which wasn't even until the end of January, has been "postponed indefinitely," according to the Connecticut venue. Anyone who already purchased tickets will be receiving full refunds.

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The Word

Pitt and Jolie's balcony scene shows not all is domestic bliss

NED EHRBAR
Metro in Hollywood

The working honeymoon is apparently over for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, who were spotted by paparazzi having an "explosive" argument on a balcony of Sydney's InterContinental hotel just hours before the Australian premiere of Unbroken, her new film. "He was clearly exasperated with her. They kept talking over each other and putting their hands up in anger. They were upset, but going nowhere. Angie looked like she was on the verge of tears," a source — who, come on, is obviously the photographer — tells In Touch.

And after their red carpet duties were done? They departed Australia — "Brad in one private jet, and Angie in another," another source says.

Now, according to Jolie herself, things at home are going pretty swell, though she does admit there's room for improvement.

"I think we have moments where I'll say, 'I'm going to be a better wife. I'm going to cook,'" Jolie tells Tom Brokaw during an interview. "And he says, 'Oh, honey. Just know what you're good at. Know what you're not.' But I do this: 'No, no, no! I'm going to get this wife thing down.'"

Maybe they were having one of those moments up on that balcony. Here's to hoping.

Chris Hemsworth and his new puppy

As if one major cutie in the family wasn't enough, the Hemsworths get a puppy

If Chris Hemsworth is the Sexiest Man Alive, does that mean the pooch his family just added to their ranks is the Cutest Puppy Alive?

Not that I'm saying it isn't, mind you. Just wondering if this is some sort of line of succession thing. The Thor star's wife, actress Elsa Pataky, posted a photo of the pup on Instagram with the multilingual message, "Our new family member!" along with the hashtag cute.

Again, not arguing.

$3M for bundle of nerves — Cowardly Lion costume sold

How much would you pay for a musty old pile of fur worn by a grown man under sweltering lights? OK, so maybe that pile of fur is actually the costume worn by Bert Lahr as the Cowardly Lion in The Wizard of Oz, but still it can't smell that great. The costume in question fetched $3 million at Bonham's Turner Classic Movies auction recently.

The Cowardly Lion costume from The Wizard of Oz on display at Bonham's auction house. The face is a sculpted likeness of late actor Bert Lahr.

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How-to

Manage bio breaks on the road

1. Always take advantage of a washroom when one is available, even if you don't think you have to go.
2. Be mindful of your water intake if there is even a remote chance of getting stuck in traffic.
3. Carry a few sachets of disinfecting wipes in your day pack.
4. A small bottle of hand sanitizer is great for sharing with the group/kids.
5. Pocket extra napkins from the lunch table, in case you need them later.
6. Keep a few coins on you in case the toilet has a toll.
7. When presented with facilities that are not what you're used to (i.e. holes in the floor), just roll with it. At least you'll get a good story out of it.

DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Trend

Airport cinemas for the layover crowd

Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport is about to open a screening room for passengers in transit with time on their hands. This new viewing lounge is part of a larger arts-oriented refurbishment (pictured) that hopes to give travellers a better sense of the city's cultural offerings. Airports in Seoul, Hong Kong and Singapore already have commercial cinemas — Hong Kong's being an IMAX. Watch for other U.S. hub cities like Dallas and Philadelphia to follow suit.

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Drinking in all the world has to offer

Jack Maxwell (pictured here at left) drinks for a living. From moss schnapps in Iceland to gut-busting raki in Turkey and homebrew in the Himalayas, he's learned the hard way that tippler's truism: "It's always five o'clock somewhere." Maxwell is the host of Booze Traveler, which debuted this month on the Travel Channel. Part travelogue, part drinking diary, Booze Traveler takes viewers with Maxwell as he travels to Louisiana, Tennessee and 13 foreign countries, including Armenia, Belize, Lithuania, Mongolia and Nepal. Jaw-dropping scenery serves as a backdrop for many of Maxwell's adventures. In South Africa, he awakes to zebra, impala and giraffes grazing on the sun-dappled savannah, describing it as the perfect hangover cure. Each hour-long episode is a quest to distill the essence of a place through its beers, wines and spirits — a lighthearted look at the world through the lens of a glass. "Every society in history has come up with some form of alcohol to celebrate, to mourn, to take the edge off a long day," he says. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Shake party nights with a round of golf

Las Vegas. Sin City might be best known for its gambling and night life, but its luxe links are worth a wake-up call

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In a city that never sleeps, world-class golf is as much a part of the scene as chorus girls, roulette wheels and morning-after regrets.

If the Hangover movies have taught us anything, it's that unbridled craziness is bound to happen at some point during a Las Vegas vacation.

That's why a round or two of golf is such an essential part of your itinerary. Nothing clears a head like a brisk 18 holes in the Nevada desert after a night of misadventures best forgotten.

With more than 50 courses, Sin City offers one of North America's most exciting golf scenes.

There are extravagant big-ticket courses favoured by business moguls and movie stars, as well as superb layouts geared to every budget.

Of course, almost nobody goes to Las Vegas just for the golf. From wholesome fare such as Cirque de Soleil's acclaimed Beatles tribute show at the Mirage to an eye-popping pin-up themed revue starring a former Playboy Playmate of the Year at the Wynn Las Vegas, the entertainment possibilities are almost endless.

Among the hottest late-night clubs for those determined to party till dawn are LAX at the Luxor, The Bank at the Bellagio and Tao at the Venetian.

But only the uninitiated and unhip even think of making their entrance before midnight.

Night owls biding their time might want to stop by the Cloud Nine Short Course at Angel Park Golf Club and play par-3 golf on floodlit fairways. But come the dawn, Angel Park is best known as the home of two excellent full-length 18-hole layouts, the Palm and Mountain courses, both designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay.

Part of the beauty of golf in Las Vegas is that several top courses are just a short cab ride from the Strip, eliminating the need for a rental car. Next door to the Mandalay Resort and Casino is the Bali Hai Golf Club, a gorgeous Schmidt-Curley design offering views of the towering casinos.

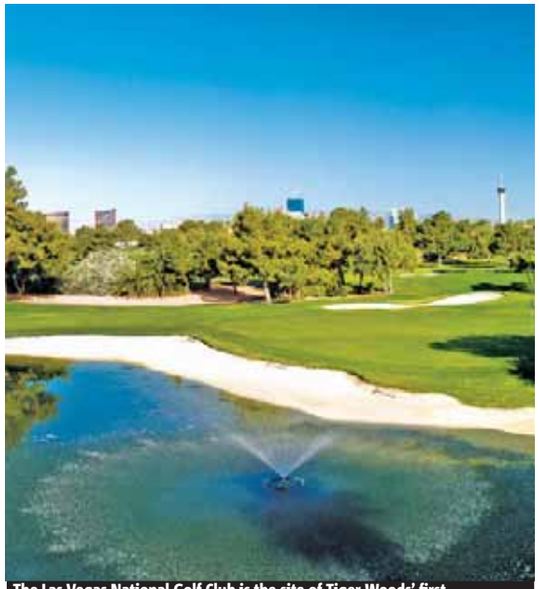
Also found in the heart of the city is Desert Pines Golf Club, a Carolina sandhills-style layout by the great Pete Dye. Another must-play is Las Vegas National Golf Club, famous as the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour victory in 1996.

So much fantastic golf, so little time. Among the most unique local courses is Bear's Best Las Vegas, featuring 18 reproductions of holes selected by Jack Nicklaus from the more than 270 courses he has designed around the world.

Other outstanding courses in or near Las Vegas include Royal Links Golf Club, Paiute Golf Resort and TPC Las Vegas.

Feel like splurging? Then book a tee time at fabulous Wynn Golf Club. The creation of hotel magnet Steve Wynn and superstar golf architect Tom Fazio, this public course in downtown Las Vegas has fairways as smooth as velvet and offers all the trappings of the most posh of private clubs.

The Wynn's green fee is a whopping $500 — but, hey, you can make that back with a roll of the dice later at the casino.



The Las Vegas National Golf Club is the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour win in 1996. CONTRIBUTED

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Honolulu's urban scene

VAWN HIMMELSBACH
For Metro

When people think of Honolulu, they are usually thinking of surf, sand and hula dancing. And while a visit to Waikiki — the city's main hotel and resort area on the south shore — is a must-see, there is a new urban culture that's well worth exploring.

With an emerging arts scene, new culinary offerings and trendy nightlife, Honolulu is developing its urban culture alongside the preservation of its cultural heritage.

"We're continuing to see the destination evolve through emerging neighbourhoods where communities of new, local talent — young chefs, artists, filmmakers and designers — are redefining Hawaii's culture, providing new experiences for visitors," said Les Enderton, executive director with the Oahu Visitors Bureau.

Over the past few years, Honolulu has seen a revitalization of Chinatown in the city's downtown core, which had a reputation for being rather seedy. While visitors can still experience Chinatown's traditional markets, herbal medicine shops and dim sum restaurants, the area has transformed into one of Oahu's hottest fashion, arts and dining districts.

Locally owned boutiques have opened their doors, including Fighting Eel, Homecoming, Andy South, in-4mation and Florencia Arias. And art galleries, such as The Arts at Marks Garage, feature exhibits by local and up-and-coming artists.

Tasting coconut shrimp with fresh pineapple or savoury garlic prawns from a shrimp truck shouldn't be missed if you visit Honolulu.

Honolulu offers the best of both worlds: An emerging urban scene, with outdoor adventures like surfing. HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TOR JOHNSON PHOTOS

A new generation of chefs is offering its take on traditional Hawaiian cuisine, with a focus on sustainability and locally sourced produce.

Chinatown is also one of the best spots to take in Honolulu's nightlife, with a high concentration of local watering holes and trendy bars. There's Bar 35, which serves up more than 150 beers from 21 countries, while Next Door hosts renowned DJs, and Downbeat Diner and Lounge offers live music.

Local favourite The Manifest acts as an art gallery and café by day, turning into a bar in the evening with one of the best selections of whisky in Hawaii. This is the place to get an Old Fashioned: Justin Park, Manifest's bar manager, was recently selected by the U.S. Bartenders' Guild to represent the U.S. in an International Bartenders' Association world cocktail championship in South Africa.

The Kakaako neighbourhood is also emerging as a Honolulu hot spot, serving as an incubator for artists, chefs and entrepreneurs. The area, which is undergoing a revitalization, is home to Honolulu Beerworks, which brews and serves local beer on-site, and Highway Inn, a longtime local favourite serving traditional Hawaiian fare.

Honolulu offers the best of both worlds: An emerging urban scene, with outdoor adventure and traditional culture. Learning to surf, experiencing a traditional luau and stopping by a shrimp truck — to sample coconut shrimp with fresh pineapple or savoury garlic prawns — shouldn't be missed.

Honolulu side trips

- Notable attractions in and around Honolulu include Pearl Harbor, Iolani Palace, Nuuanu Pali Lookout, and Hanauma Bay, as well as the Honolulu Zoo and Waikiki Aquarium for family fun.
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Serve up a colourful quinoa salad alongside this chicken dish to brighten up your dark evening dinner. The leftover combination will make a great salad. Or tuck the chicken into a pita with lettuce and tomato for a hearty sandwich.

1. In large bowl, toss together coriander, garlic, cumin and pepper with chicken breasts to coat evenly. (Make ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to eight hours.)

2. Heat large non-stick ovenproof skillet over medium high heat and brown chicken breasts evenly on both sides, about eight minutes. Place in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside. Slice into thick slices.

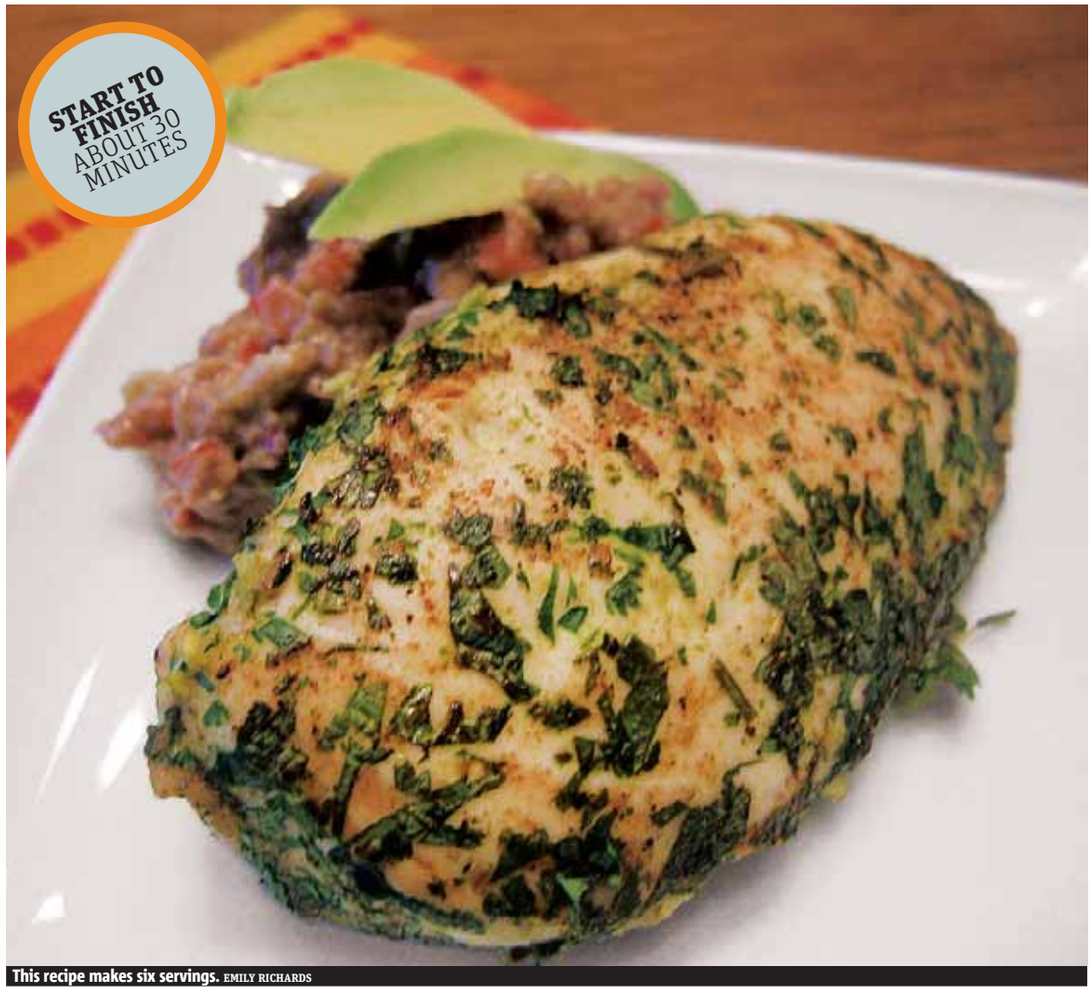
3. Avocado Paste: Meanwhile, remove skin and pit from avocado and scoop flesh into bowl. Mash with fork until smooth. Stir in shallot, garlic, red pepper, vinegar and pinch pepper. Spoon avocado paste alongside chicken to serve. Sprinkle with coriander leaves before serving if desired.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander or basil or Italian parsley
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground pepper
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g)

Avocado Paste

- 1 ripe avocado
- Half small shallot, minced
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) finely diced red pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sherry vinegar
- Pinch pepper
- Fresh coriander leaves (optional)



This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Layer on simple, yet big, flavours

1. Heat oven to 375 F. Coat a deep 7- or 8-inch round springform pan with cooking spray.

2. In bowl, mix the thyme, oregano, rosemary, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Set side.

3. Use a mandoline to slice the potatoes, onion and squash as paper thin as possible. Keep the vegetables in separate piles.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tbsp each chopped fresh thyme, oregano, rosemary
- 1 1/2 tsp each garlic powder, kosher salt, ground black pepper
- 4 large Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled
- 1 large yellow onion
- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled and seeded
- Olive oil cooking spray

Roasted Butternut and Herb Tart recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4. Arrange single layer of potato slices, slightly overlapping, over the bottom of the prepared pan. Spritz with cooking spray, then sprinkle a pinch of the seasoning blend over them. No need to season heavily.

5. Top potatoes with few onion slices. Onion will break into thin rounds. You don't need a full layer, just a scattering of slices. Top onions with single layer of butternut squash slices, slightly overlapping. Use hand to gently, but firmly, compress layers. Spritz squash slices with cooking spray, then sprinkle pinch of seasoning over them.

6. Repeat layering and compressing in this manner, starting with the potatoes and continuing until the layers reach the top of the pan. You should use all of the potatoes and onion, but may have some squash left. Spritz the top with cooking spray, then sprinkle a bit more seasoning over the top.

7. Cover with foil and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Uncover and bake for another 30 minutes, or until the top is lightly browned, the sides have pulled away from the pan, and a knife inserted at the centre passes easily through the vegetables to the bottom.

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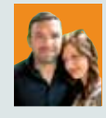
Food around the world

Ireland (vegan rating: 6/10)



MEAT AND VEG
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Words: Eoin Weldon

Meat, a contented carnivorous writer, documents his and his vegan fiancée Veg's dietary journey as they travel and munch their way across four continents.

Veg: Veg was satisfied with the greens and root vegetables she had at my home, but at restaurants, the vegan pickings were much slimmer. However, during a short trip to Kerry she did manage to track down this unexpected hunk of lentil loaf alongside a loaded multi-bean salad, two scoops of well-seasoned couscous and a small pot of cranberry jam.

Meat: Returning home to Dublin, I was reacquainted with traditional Fry, a high-cholesterol Irish breakfast. With health in mind, I tinkered with the old fave and it turned out well. I substituted wilted kale and tahini sauce for blood pudding, lost the sausages but kept the poached eggs, bacon and fried mushrooms and served it with brown bread.

My focus at work is getting a little fuzzy

Career. Factors outside our control can distract us at our desks, but there are ways to help you hone in on work

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We know you'll miss your mobile, but setting that little sucker aside at the busiest times of your day will help to keep your eyes on the professional prize. ISTOCK

No matter where you work, you've probably found that it can sometimes be hard to concentrate.

Maybe it's because a constant influx of emails keeps interrupting your workflow or because your office is open-concept and you can't close your door on the sound of your co-workers chatting, humming or talking on the phone. As the holidays draw closer, you may find it even harder to concentrate, particularly if those around you are more interested in talking about social engagements and exchanging cards. Whatever the case, here are a few things you can do to make it easier to concentrate:

Get comfortable
It's hard to concentrate if you're not comfortable in your workspace.

If you work at a desk, adjust your seat so you're sitting with a straight back and your feet firmly on the floor. Next, adjust your monitor to make sure that your screen is at eye level and your hands are resting on your keyboard with your elbows bent at approximately a 90-degree angle. If your workplace is too warm or too cool for your liking and you're not able to control the overall temperature, dress appropriately. Try wearing layers if you're sensitive to heat or cold, or if your office temperature tends to fluctuate throughout the day.

Put your phone away
This may be tough if you're used to keeping your phone near you, but it can have a huge impact on your productivity. Your phone can be really distracting if it's constantly alerting you of incoming messages. Put it on silent and move it out of sight, at least while you're working on anything that requires a high level of concentration.

Tidy up
Take a bit of time to straighten up your desk before settling in to work on a project so that your mind doesn't wander to the teetering piles of papers and dirty dishes stacked around you. Try to get into the habit of setting aside five to 10 minutes at the start or end of every workday to tidy up your workspace. In addition to improving your focus, it will also set a good example to your co-workers and show them that you make an effort to stay organized.

Set a schedule
Make a list of what you want to accomplish each day — you're more likely to force yourself to focus if you know that you only have X amount of time to work on each task.

You should also schedule in breaks so that you don't forget to give yourself a rest. Plus, having a scheduled break to look forward to might also make it easier to buckle down.

Assemble everything you know you'll need so that you're not scrambling to find important notes and documents while you're in the middle of working, since that can disrupt your workflow.

Silence notifications
Set your email, social media and other notifications to silent while you're working if you find yourself losing focus every time you get a new alert. If you get a lot of emails over the course of your day, you may want to close your email program for an hour or two so you can concentrate on the task at hand.

Switch it up
If you hit a wall at work, try switching tasks or try changing your approach to what you're working on. For example, you could consult a co-worker if you're stuck on something or brainstorm to see if you can take a different angle to solving a problem.

If your boss is OK with it, you can also try temporarily changing your work hours. Coming in early or staying late may give you an opportunity to take advantage of quieter times at the office, helping you to get down to business without others around to distract you.

Use headphones
Headphones can be a lifesaver at work. If you find yourself getting distracted by your colleagues or other sources of noise that are outside your control, you might want to invest in a pair of noise-cancelling headphones to block out whatever is bothering you. Otherwise, you can simply use your headphones to listen to soothing music. Something without lyrics is most likely to help you focus, so look for an instrumental playlist online that you can work well to.

Gimme a break

Don't forget to take periodic breaks to give your eyes a break from your screen, stretch your legs and get a drink of water or a snack.

- Use an app to remind yourself to get up and stretch if you won't remember to do it on your own or set an alarm to help you follow some kind of routine, like working for 55 minutes then taking a five-minute break.
- It's important to make sure that you also eat well and stay hydrated, so be sure to have a solid breakfast and lunch and drink plenty of water throughout the day. It will give you the energy you need to power through your day and will stop you from getting distracted by hunger or thirst.

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It's that time of year again. As the holidays approach, employers around the globe are eagerly planning parties to say a big thank-you to their teams.

Workplace holiday parties are more casual than regular office activities, but still have firm expectations in terms of conduct.

Your successful night starts with keeping a few key things in mind.

Mind the dress code

The last thing you want to do is undress or overdress for the festivities.

All work parties are different. Whether it's an ugly Christmas sweater party or a formal affair, make sure to pay close attention to the dress code on your invitation.

If there isn't a dress code listed, it's safe to stick to business casual attire, or just ask the party planner in your workplace to clarify.

Remember that even when the dress code may be different than your regular day-to-day dress code, it's still important to keep professional in mind.

There's no reason not get down this holiday season, just make sure to keep your moves in check when the managers are watching. ISTOCK

Don't over-drink

Whether there's an open or a closed bar, there is no reason to over-consume at a holiday party.

Don't be the person who causes a scene and ends up being the subject of office gossip for weeks to come. Be aware of your limit, and mind that line. It's easy to forget about this when you are in the moment and having fun. A good rule of thumb is to pay attention to how much those around you are drinking — and follow suit.

Check the guest policy

Not all workplaces are open to accommodating your date or significant other at holiday parties.

This policy may surprise you if you've never encountered it, but sometimes the party budget just doesn't stretch far enough to allow for extra guests. If there are no explicit instructions on your invite, make sure that you ask first. Sometimes, a no-guest policy can be a relief. If you can bring a guest, make sure they're ready to behave in an appropriate manner — and leave your personal life out of casual conversation.

Follow the schedule

Most holiday parties stick to a particular schedule, so be respectful and cautious of that.

While you may feel inclined to show up whenever it suits you, it's important to make sure that the event is a success — and your attendance is a big part of that.

If the event has a formal component, like a dinner or award ceremony, make sure to note the expected start time. If it's a more casual event, be prepared to show up fairly early to help the event accumulate a crowd.

Socialize outside your circle

The holiday party is a great chance to get to know people at your company

- It is easy to stick to your own department, or the people that you see on a regular basis, but use this time to socialize with people that you may not usually see around the office.
- Although you don't want to think of a holiday party as a networking event, a staff party can be a great place to meet and socialize with others in your organization in a non-stressful environment.

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Clutch heroics 'just the DNA of Kyle'

NBA. Lowry's knack for late-game playmaking has Raps thriving where they once capitulated

Kyle Lowry goes to the floor with Raptors teammate Amir Johnson to force a jump ball with the Suns' Isaiah Thomas on Monday night in Toronto. Lowry won the late-game jump, helping Toronto secure victory. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

This is pretty heady company.

As the discussion of Kyle Lowry focuses on his willingness to take a big shot, his ability to make a big play, his knack for dominating the game-changing moments, teammates and coaches trot out some big-time names.

"He kind of reminds me of Chauncey (Billups)," was how Amir Johnson put it, evoking comparisons to a former NBA Finals MVP known as "Mr. Big Shot."

"We had Gary Payton in Seattle; he reminds me so much of Gary in those situations," says coach Dwane Casey, going Johnson one further and liking the Raptors point guard to a hall of famer.

Pretty heady company, indeed.

Lowry has shown an uncanny ability to make big plays at big moments in a wondrous start to the season for the Raptors and the interesting thing about it is the variety of ways that he does it.

In Boston, he had a shocking strip of an over-matched rookie and a no-look drop pass to DeMar DeRozan that sealed a win.

Against Utah, he made a clutch shot in the dying minutes that basically sealed a win.

Monday against Phoenix, he had an amazing few seconds that included a blocked shot, a steal, an assist and an offensive foul charged that was a tour de force. And all that was eclipsed in the final 30 seconds by another steal off Isaiah Thomas and a jump ball that was the defining late-game play in Toronto's fifth straight win. The win pushed the Raptors record to 12-2 and into a tie with the Memphis Grizzlies for the NBA's best mark.

"He can't tell you the technique he uses, he just gets it done," said Casey. "A loose ball on the floor, he's going to come up with it; a charge to be taken, he's going to get it. Last night, it was a blocked shot (and) at his size, he got it. He just finds a way in those situations to get it done and it's just the DNA of Kyle."

Adds Johnson: "He takes the big shots, the clutch shots, he keeps going, always keeps the motor going, just like Chauncey."

Proving that it is truly instinctual, Lowry can't explain how he does what he does when he does it. In the speed of the game and at frenetic moments, there isn't time to think, there's just time to react. He's repeatedly called them simply "basketball plays" and that's probably the best description.

Even if there's no way to figure out where those instincts come from.

"Playing basketball?" he asks rhetorically. "Playing basketball for 20-something years of my life, it just happens. You've got a feel for certain situations at certain times in a game.

"I think you just have it. If you've got it, you've to it from the day you start playing the game, to be honest."

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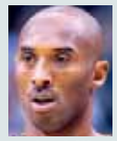
Fourth right

10-0

Led by Kyle Lowry's late-game big plays, Toronto is 10-0 this season when it leads a game going into the fourth quarter and 4-0 in games decided by four points or fewer. In past years, the Raptors tended to collapse late. So far this season, they have thrived.

Athletes speak up

Reactions on Twitter to the grand jury's decision not to indict officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo.:



"The system enables young black men to be killed behind the mask of law #Ferguson #tippingpoint #change" Kobe Bryant

"Wow. Just wow. Shameful. What will it take???" Serena Williams

"Disgusted by decision in furguson. Racism is learned. Accepted is systematic suffocation of education and opportunity. What are we saying?" Steve Nash

"As a society how do we do better and stop things like this happening time after time!! ... Violence is not the answer people. Retaliation isn't the solution as well. #PrayersUpToTheFamilies #WeHaveToDoBetter" LeBron James

NFL. Judge delays former Pats' trial in 2012 murder

A judge on Tuesday agreed to delay the trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez in the 2012 slaying of two Boston men after his lawyer said Hernandez's defence team is busy trying to prepare for his trial in a 2013 killing.

In the 2012 case, Hernandez is charged with murder in the fatal shootings of Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado after a chance encounter at a nightclub. His trial was scheduled to begin in May.

But during a hearing in Suffolk Superior Court, one of Hernandez's lawyers asked a judge to delay the trial by six months, saying his legal team cannot prepare effectively for that trial until Hernandez's trial in the 2013 killing of semi-professional football player Odin Lloyd is over. Jury selection in that case is scheduled to begin Jan. 9 in Fall River, Mass.

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NHL

Canucks swap Mallet for Pedan

The Vancouver Canucks have acquired defenceman Andrey Pedan from the New York Islanders in exchange for centre Alexandre Mallet and a third round pick in 2016.

Big Pedan has played six games with the AHL's Bridgeport Sound Tigers this season.

Mallet, a Montreal native was with the ECHL's Kalamazoo Wings this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL. Subban leads first round of all-star voting

Montreal Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban was the top vote-getter, after the first week of fan voting for the 2015 NHL all-star game in Columbus on Jan. 25.

Subban led all players with 100,133 votes, while teammate Carey Price led all goaltenders with 83,612 votes.

Pittsburgh Penguins forward Sidney Crosby was tops among forwards and sat second overall with 87,858 votes.

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Aguero shows Bayern the City

Thrilling match. With a hat trick, Argentine striker saves Man City's chances in the Champions League

Sergio Aguero scored a hat trick, including two late goals, to inspire Manchester City to a 3-2 win over 10-man Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Tuesday, reviving the English champions' chances of reaching the knockout stage.

Aguero, who put City ahead with a 21st-minute penalty that led to the sending-off of defender Mehdi Benatia, consigned Bayern to a first competitive loss this season by capitalizing on defensive errors to score again in the 85th and then in the first minute of stoppage time.

City is tied on five points with Roma and CSKA Moscow in Group E, seven behind already-qualified Bayern. Heading into the final round of group games, City needs to better CSKA's result at Bayern and improve its head-to-head against Roma, either beating the Italian side or achieving a higher-scoring draw than 1-1.

"This team never knows it is beaten," City manager Manuel Pellegrini said. "I am sure that this kind of victory gives a lot of trust to the whole squad."

Bayern fielded a weakened team with progress belied assured and its numerical inferiority by coming from behind to lead at Etihad Stadium, with Xabi Alonso and Robert Lewandowski scoring in the final five minutes of the first half.

Somehow, despite picking up just two points from its first four group matches, City can still qualify for the last 16. Its chances would have been very slim without Aguero's late intervention at the same end of Etihad Stadium where the Argentina striker won the Premier League title for City with an injury-time goal on the last day of the 2011-12 season.

"We gave them the game," Bayern coach Pep Guardiola said. "They had hardly any chances with 11 against 10 … we were tired in the last 10 minutes."

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One more record

72

Barcelona thrashed APOEL 4-0 Tuesday as Lionel Messi scored a hat trick to set a Champions League scoring record. Messi's first goal in the 38th minute was his 72nd Champions League goal, beating 71 by former Real Madrid and Schalke striker Raul.

metro AR Manchester City's Sergio Aguero celebrates after scoring the match-winning goal against Bayern Munich on Tuesday at Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England. The Argentine striker scored twice in stoppage time to complete a hat trick, saving Man City's prospects of making the last 16 in the Champions League. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a roundup of the rest of Tuesday's action around Europe. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

Red Sox load up as Sandoval, Ramirez join Ortiz

Newly acquired infielder Hanley Ramirez, right, and Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington at Fenway Park Tuesday in Boston. STEPHAN SAVOIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez spent the last two seasons as NL West rivals. Now they're teammates in Boston, the result of a $183 million spending spree the Red Sox are hoping will lift them out of the AL East cellar.

"It's exciting for me to be with Hanley and David Ortiz," Sandoval said Tuesday at Fenway Park after finishing up a five-year, $95 million contract that adds him to a lineup he called "The Three Amigos."

About five hours later, the Red Sox completed their day-night news conference doubleheader by announcing Ramirez's four-year deal, which is worth $88 million. A former Red Sox prospect, Ramirez was traded to the Marlins nine Thanksgivings ago in a deal that brought Mike Lowell and Josh Beckett to Boston.

"Why not go back where you belong?" Ramirez said. "It worked out for the both of us: You guys won a couple of world championships. I haven't won any, but that's what I'm here for."

Sandoval helped the Giants win three titles, earning the World Series MVP in 2012 and the nickname "Kung Fu Panda" that helped cement him as a fan favourite. He thanked the Giants for bringing him up as a big leaguer and Giants' fans for their support.

"I want a new challenge. I need a new challenge," he said at his afternoon news conference. "I know that I had a great career in San Francisco. But I'm going to have a new one here."

Sandoval helps fill a hole in the Red Sox lineup for a third baseman and a left-handed bat. Ramirez, who played shortstop and a little third base with the Marlins and Los Angeles Dodgers, is expected to move to left field.

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Twitter faux pas

Boston Red Sox fans are crying foul over an innocuous tweet that the team acknowledges was ill-timed and later deleted.

The Red Sox tweeted: "So how was everyone's Monday?"

The tweet went out a minute after a Missouri prosecutor announced a grand jury decided not to indict a white Ferguson police officer in the death of Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old.

NFL

Bills finally home

It's back to normal for the vagabond Buffalo Bills—finally.

The more than six feet of snow from the severe snowstorm that paralyzed the Buffalo region last week has mostly melted away. So has the Bills two-game skid, following a 38-3 rout of the New York Jets in a "home" game at Detroit on Monday.

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Corruption scandal

FIFA's rep will take 'years to rebuild,' admits Valcke

FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke acknowledged Tuesday that it will take "years to rebuild our reputation" following the World Cup bidding corruption investigation.

But Valcke insisted that Sony and Emirates airline are not ending their FIFA sponsorships to protest against allegations of bribery and favour-seeking that have engulfed world football in the four years since Russia was awarded the 2018 World Cup and Qatar was voted the 2022 hosts.

Emirates has already announced it is not renewing its sponsorship and Valcke said he "would be surprised" if Sony extended its deal, which expires at the end of this year.

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After Sandoval left

Lester in talks with Giants: Source

The Giants are turning their attention to Jon Lester following Pablo Sandoval's departure.

The free agent pitcher has plans to meet with the World Series champions next week, a source said Tuesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity without authorization to disclose it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jon Lester pitching for the A's. DILIP VISHWANAT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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- **Type.** Four-door, AWD luxury sedan
- **Engines.** 3.8-litre V6 (311 hp), 5.0-litre V8 (420)
- **Transmission.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Price.** $44,995 base, $54,995 as tested

Market position

The original Genesis sedan, introduced in 2008, was Hyundai's first foray into the luxury segment. It's a premium car that is less expensive than its comparably sized and equipped rivals. Along with big brother Equus, Genesis is a showcase for Hyundai's technological capabilities.

Points

- Debuts Hyundai's new AWD system, which is standard on all models.
- Greater focus on handling prowess, with a suspension tuned by Lotus engineers.
- First vehicle styled in the next stage of Hyundai's Fluidic Sculpture design.
- Advanced lane-keeping technology makes Genesis almost a self-driving car on the highway.

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Luxury without the price

Review. Hyundai's second-generation Genesis now handles better and looks even better inside and out

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This second-generation Hyundai Genesis is not a revelation. It is a competent and attractive luxury sedan, but we are not surprised.

Hyundai is nothing if not persistent. It has a long and successful track record of striding into new territories, making each successive model better than the last, and repeating that exercise at a brisk pace. Nothing makes you better than practice.

The first Genesis, which debuted in 2008, was a solid crack at the luxury market. But there was room for improvement, particularly with the ride and handling.

Hyundai called in the engineering troops from Lotus to sort out the dynamics, and it really paid off. Some rivals, such as the Cadillac CTS and the Audi A6, are certainly sportier, but this Genesis is one sweet ride, with an enviable blend of comfort and swerve-ability.

The handling is helped by an all-new, sophisticated AWD system, which moves torque around to exploit the already progressive characteristics of the rear-wheel-drive platform. (Steering feel, however, is a little numb.)

The V6 and V8 engine options are carried over from the first Genesis, as is the eight-speed automatic transmission, which shifts beautifully.

Although a torque-heavy 5.0-litre V8 is available, our tester had the base 311-hp 3.8-litre V8, which pretty much overpowers any of the other base engines in this class, many of which have settled on 2.0-L turbos for their entry-level models.

Styling is subjective, but to these eyes, the exterior look is another area where Genesis excels. The new model is the first application of a new design theme Hyundai is calling Fluidic Sculpture 2.0, offering an intriguing blend of aggression and elegance.

Inside is equally appealing, with copious amounts of wood grain and leather.

At first, the new driver interface with a big touch screen filled me with dread. I'm not a fan of adjusting everything on a touch screen, but Hyundai has included just enough additional controls for the most-used stuff — radio, navigation, HVAC, etc. — to reduce my stress level.

The rear seating area is commodious, and underscores the fact that Genesis is bigger than most of its rivals.

As with any luxury car today, Genesis boasts a long list of comfort, convenience and safety features. Highlights include a 12-way driver's seat, lane-keeping assist, rear-door window blinds, an available 9.2-inch display with a 64-GB memory drive, an available 900-watt stereo with 17 speakers and Logic 7 surround sound, and the industry's first C02-sensing control system, which can introduce fresh air into the cabin when C02 levels reach a certain threshold.

In fact, the only checklist boxes Genesis doesn't tick are "luxury brand cache" and "luxury brand dealership experience."

If you can live without those, you'll save a lot of money by choosing Genesis as your next luxury ride.

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1 Acura RLX
Base price: $52,164
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2 BMW 5 Series
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3 Cadillac CTS
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Turbo I4, V6 and V8 engine options. All-new in 2014. Excellent driving dynamics.

There's a lot more than gas in that pump

Driving Force. All oil companies add a secretive blend of stabilizers, detergents and friction modifiers

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When you fill your tank with gasoline, what are you getting, exactly? It's refined petroleum, of course, but there are also several additives and detergents in the mix.

"Gasoline is made up of molecules, and when you refine it, you take the different streams (of refined fuel) and blend them," says Michael Howe, senior fuel scientist for Shell Global Solutions. "It has to meet a specification set by American Standard Testing and Materials, so when you buy something, you know what you're getting."

Additives primarily stabilize the gasoline, Howe says, so its components don't react with one another and form deposits or gums that can possibly foul the engine. Other additives can include friction modifiers, which make it easier for the pistons to slide in their cylinders.

Gasoline contains several additives and detergents to improve performance and protect your engine. CONTRIBUTED

Additive blends also include detergents, which are similar to soap. When engines burn gasoline vapour, it creates carbon, which sticks to the valves. Known as engine gunk, these deposits can reduce the engine's efficiency if they build up too much.

"The detergents are like a soap molecule, with a long tail and a small, reactive, polar head," Howe says. "The long tail keeps it soluble, but when it comes across the deposits, the polar head gets stuck on the deposit and the interaction pulls off chunks of it. Then they're carried into the combustion chamber where they're burned.

"This continues until the deposits are gone off the valve. It's essentially doing the same thing as soap when it interacts with greasy soil, but it's not water-soluble, it's gasoline-soluble."

As the name implies, additives are put into the gasoline, blended together into what's called an additive package. After the fuel is refined, the refinery pumps it into a pipeline, where it goes to a distribution centre and is stored in tanks. When it's time to deliver it to gas stations, the fuel is pumped out of the tank and into a truck, and, at this point, the additive package is added to the fuel.

Although all companies use additives, the components in each package are proprietary, and their ingredients are a closely guarded secret.

"Refining fuel is a standard, specific action, but it's never exactly the same," Howe says. "You have to put in additives to correct it, or keep instabilities from happening."

Fast facts

- Gasoline contains octane, which controls how easily it will combust, but it isn't an additive. Instead, the level of octane is set during the refining process.
- Diesel fuel also contains additives. Sometimes diesel is also dyed red, indicating that it's for farm machinery, and that its price doesn't include road taxes. However, it's illegal to use dyed diesel in regular vehicles, and the colour lets authorities know if it's being used improperly.
- Since additives do vary, try another brand of gasoline if you're not seeing the engine performance or mileage you think you should be getting.

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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

SUV's paint captures power from the sun and the wind

At the opening of its Mercedes-Benz Product Engineering Center in Beijing, China, the luxury automaker unveiled a concept car powered not just by hydrogen, but by its own paint. The Vision G-Code SUV (named with the Chinese market in mind) sports "multi-voltaic" paint that harvests solar and wind energy. Mercedes said the paint acts like a giant solar cell "with excellent efficiency," and can be charged electrostatically by the relative wind caused by driving, or by the natural wind when the vehicle is stationary. The G-Code also features "power on the move" suspension, which recovers energy from the motion of the suspension to generate electricity.

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One of the most exciting claims about the Mercedes G-Code is that its paint collects power from both the sun and the wind. How much power? Good question. But the concept SUV also runs on hydrogen.

Seaweed biofuel saves farms for food

Seaweed — kelp, in particular — shows promising signs of becoming a biofuel feedstock, thanks to a newly designed hydrothermal process that greatly increases the amount of bio-oil that can be extracted from it. As a fuel source that doesn't take up farmland or use water that would otherwise be used to grow crops, kelp also grows extremely quickly. Researchers at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology said their variation on a process known as hydrothermal liquefaction — rapidly heating a slurry of kelp and water, then holding it briefly at a high temperature (585 Celsius) — results in 79 per cent of the biomass being converted to bio-oil. Previous efforts resulted in just a 19 per cent conversion rate.

A new process can turn kelp into a source material for bio-fuel.

Shift points

- A U.S. National Public Radio report says sales of hybrids, plug-ins and electric vehicles are down in that country by about five per cent this year, while trucks and SUVs have seen 17- and 20-per-cent increases.
- After saying it would not replace its compact Ranger pickup with a new compact truck, Ford appears to be having a change of heart. Company marketing manager Dave Scott told USA Today the company is "seriously considering" an entry-level compact.
- Researchers at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., have designed a lithium-sulphur battery with four times the longevity of typical lithium-sulphur batteries. That's significant because a typical sulphur battery already holds four times the energy per mass of lithium-ions.

Renewed interest in larger vehicles won't slow reductions in energy use

Despite rising truck and SUV sales, automakers are on track to meet the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standard of 54.5 miles per gallon (4.3 L/100 km) by 2025, says the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. But carmakers still have a long way to go. An EPA report in October found that 2013-model-year cars and trucks attained a real-world average of 24.1 mpg. That's higher than ever, notes Green Car Reports, and was achieved through the increased use of technologies such as smaller, fuel-injected engines, turbo- and supercharging, start-stop systems and multi-speed transmissions.

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New engine design cuts friction, vibration

Initially designed for duty as an electric-power generator, a Japanese company soon realized that its radically designed "4-in-1" piston combustion engine could be adapted for use in the auto sector. Namikoshi Electronics is pitching its unorthodox boxer-style engine as a low-friction alternative to existing combustion engines. The company says the design has significant advantages over traditional engines in terms of internal friction, which reduces efficiency, and vibration — which affects noise and harshness. Although it's similar to a four-cylinder engine with horizontally opposed pistons, Gizmag magazine says the 4-in-1 design has a large, central unit surrounded by ball bearings, a central rod and a planetary gear.

British EV service company aims to lead by example

A British company that installs electric-vehicle charging stations has bought a Mitsubishi Outlander plug-in hybrid so it can practise what it preaches. Chris Everett, managing director of EV Charging Solutions in Nottingham, opted for the vehicle after seeing his business expand rapidly. Everett said company sales figures show more drivers are buying low-emission, plug-in vehicles. The Outlander PHEV was "a no-brainer," because "if you run out of electric power, you can run it on petrol, so there's no anxiety." Having a plug-in hybrid "shows that we take these vehicles seriously, and that we practise what we preach." The Outlander PHEV is due to go on sale in North America late in 2015s

Chris Everett of EV Charging Solutions bought an Outlander plug-in hybrid to practice what he preaches.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may feel out of step with others today but sometimes you just have to do your own thing, in your own way, at your own speed. Maybe it's everyone else who is out of step.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you get criticized today — and with Saturn strong in your opposite sign that is almost guaranteed — don't react as if the world is coming to an end.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
What you visualize over the next 24 hours is what you will be able to do in weeks to come, so don't dismiss genuine insights as fantasy.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You need to find a solution to either a money matter or a relationship issue. The way out of your predicament is obvious really but it will also be costly. Act and pay now or pay an even larger penalty later.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Remember today that a loved one does not mean the negative things they have been saying. Like you they are under pressure that inevitably affects the way they speak and act.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's Mercury-Saturn link is a reminder that life is meant to be fun — and a warning that if you do too much you will pay for it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A dream you've had for years is about to become a reality. It may not come about in the way you expected. Recognize how fortunate you are and make the most of the opportunity.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You've made sacrifices in recent weeks and today's Mercury-Saturn union in your sign indicates there is something else you must do before you can move onto new pastures.

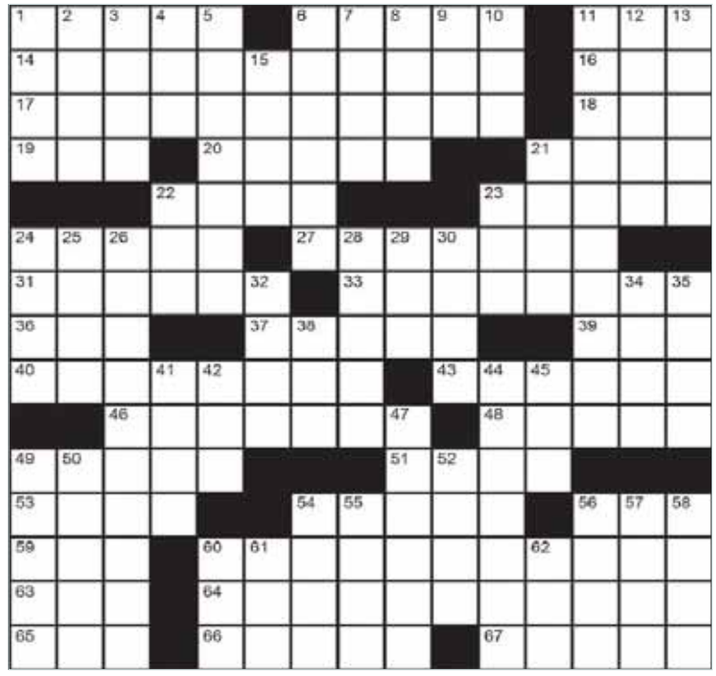
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Try not to say anything too hurtful today or it may take weeks or even months to win back a loved one's trust.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The more passionately someone tries to convince you of their honesty the more likely it is they want something. Keep your money in your pocket.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have an important message to get across and if the only way to make yourself heard is to shout then do it. You have been quiet long enough.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be convinced that you are in the right about something but do not push your case too hard over the next 24 hours. If others can't see the truth then they are the ones most likely to suffer for it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Pari __ (Impartially)
6. Shakespeare: Julius Caesar conspirator
11. Humanities degs.
14. Submarine exit: 2 wds.
16. Away
17. 1965 James Bond movie for #60-Across
18. Gun gr.
19. Academic year div.
20. "Take _ __ for free." - The Band, "The Weight"
21. Split
22. Word's history [abbr.]
23. Bottomless pit
24. Stray calf [var. sp.]
27. Winter cap's one-of-two
31. "Help Me, __" by The Beach Boys
33. Educated/versed in books
36. Suffer
37. __ __ with nature
39. 'The Finals' gr.
40. 1970s musical for Canadian actor Victor Garber
43. Big name in movies
46. Decrease/slump
48. Negative/Positive
49. Ms. Deschanel of "Bones"
51. Bygone Ford cars
53. Typeface
54. Laissez-__
56. Soup sort
59. Lighthouse surrounder
60. Canadian actress, b.1927 - d.2007, who played the character at #11-Down in several 007 movies: 2 wds.
63. Anger
64. Some store staff: 2 wds.
65. 'Ballad' suffix
66. Canadian racecar driver Paul
67. Sammy of baseball, and surnamesakes

Down
1. Domesticated pals
2. Tennis legend Arthur
3. Soap __ (Bathroom cleanser's target)
4. __ Diego
5. Made current
6. 1950s car trimming
7. Rhyming scheme
8. Dutch city
9. Old Rome's 250
10. Calder Cup org.
11. As per #60-Across... M's secretary, Miss __
12. Visions of light
13. "The North" Canadian band
15. Moray-like
21. Up-the-slopes ride
22. "Ich bin __ Berliner." - JFK
23. Wholly
24. Burden
25. Toledo's locale
26. 1964 James Bond movie for #60-Across
28. "He's mad that trusts in the tameness of _ __." - Fool, in Shakespeare's King Lear
29. Kevin's "Footloose" (1984) role
30. Bolted
32. Biblical son
34. Have _ __ in one's bonnet
35. Calendar parts
38. Jeff Lynne's gr.
41. __ and vinegar chips
42. 2-__ tissue
44. Back pages of books
45. "Help!"
47. Not solid, as construction
49. __ Trinket, Elizabeth Banks' role in 'Hunger Games' movies
50. Actress Demi
52. Pitfall
54. Chick-__-_ (American restaurant chain)
55. "Gimme _ __..." (Wait)
56. Livelinesses
57. "__ the Elephant" (Canadian cartoon series)
58. Beers
60. Grocery-shopper's li'l paper
61. Dinghy director
62. Romance

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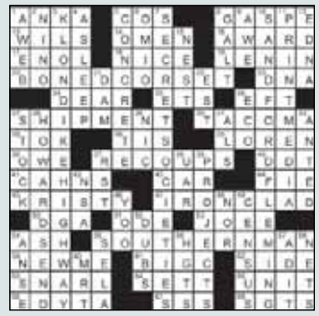

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	2						6	
4								
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5				2	6	3	9	7
1								5
8								2
	5						7	
		3	4	6	9	5		

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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7	6	5	3	8	2	4	9	1
9	2	3	7	1	4	6	5	8
8	4	1	6	9	5	2	3	7
5	8	9	1	3	6	7	4	2
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2014 RAM 1500 QUAD CAB SXT 4X4

$26,095 OR FINANCE FOR **$147** BI-WEEKLY‡ @ **3.99%** FOR 96 MONTHS WITH $0 DOWN

PURCHASE PRICE INCLUDES $8,500 CONSUMER CASH,* $2,000 BONUS CASH,»• FREIGHT, A/C CHARGE, TIRE LEVY AND OMVIC FEE. TAXES EXCLUDED. OTHER RETAILER CHARGES MAY APPLY.+

$1,500 BONUS CASH»» IF YOU ARE A LICENSED TRADESMAN OR IF YOU CURRENTLY OWN ANY PICKUP TRUCK

+Your local retailer may charge additional fees for administration/pre-delivery that can range from $0 to $1,098 and anti-theft/safety products that can range from $0 to $1,298. Charges may vary by retailer.

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Retailer may sell for less. ▲The Make No Payments for 90 Days is a limited time offer which applies to retail customers who finance a new 2014/2015 Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram or FIAT vehicle (except 2014 Dodge Avenger SE and 2014/2015 Dodge Viper) at a special fixed rate on approved credit through Royal Bank of Canada, TD Auto Finance or Scotiabank. Offer does not apply to Scotiabank special rate financing contracts longer than 90 months. Monthly/bi-weekly/weekly payments will be deferred for 60 days and contracts will be extended accordingly. Interest charges will not accrue during the first 60 days of the contract. Customers will be responsible for any required down payment, license, registration and insurance costs at time of contract. Some conditions apply. See your retailer for complete details. ◊$10,500 in Total Discounts is available on the new 2014 Ram 1500 Quad/Crew Cab SXT 4x4 models and consists of $8,500 Consumer Cash Discount, $1,500 in Ram Truck Loyalty/Conquest Bonus Cash and $500 Bonus Cash. †0% purchase financing for up to 36 months available on new 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan/2014 Dodge Journey models to qualified customers on approved credit through RBC, Scotiabank and TD Auto Finance. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Examples: 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan Canada Value Package (29E)/2014 Dodge Journey Canada Value Package (22F) with a Purchase Price of $19,995/$19,995 with a $0 down payment, financed at 0% for 36 months equals 78 bi-weekly payments of $256.35/$256.35 with a cost of borrowing of $0 and a total obligation of $19,995/$19,995. •$500 Bonus Cash is available on select new 2014 Dodge or Ram models at participating retailers from November 21-28 only. Bonus Cash will be deducted from the negotiated purchase/lease price after taxes. Offer available at participating Ontario and Atlantic retailers. See retailer for complete details and exclusions. *Consumer Cash Discounts are deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. ‡3.99% purchase financing for up to 96 months available on new select models through RBC, Scotiabank and TD Auto Finance. Retailer order/trade may be necessary. Examples: 2015 Dodge Grand Caravan Canada Value Package (29E)/2015 Chrysler 200 LX (28A)/2015 Dodge Journey Canada Value Package (22F)/2014 Ram 1500 Quad Cab SXT 4x4 (25A+AGR) with a Purchase Price of $19,995/$19,995/$19,995/$26,095, with a $0 down payment, financed at 3.99% for 96 months equals 208 bi-weekly payments of $112/$112/$112/$147 with a cost of borrowing of $3,394/$3,394/$3,394/$4,429 and a total obligation of $23,388.63/$23,388.63/$23,388.63/$30,523.95. €$5,125 in Package Value available on the new 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT Ultimate Family Package (RTKH5329G) model based on the following MSRP options: $850 Climate Group, $1,925 Single DVD Entertainment, $1,500 SXT Plus Group and $850 Uconnect Hands-Free Group. $7,140 in Package Value available on the new 2014 Dodge Journey SXT Ultimate Journey Package (JCDP4928K) model based on the following MSRP options: $1,475 Flexible Seating Group, $1,200 Rear Seat DVD, $525 Convenience Group, $2,645 Navigation & Sound Group and $1,295 Sunroof. See your retailer for complete details. ★Discounts available at participating retailers on the purchase/lease of only the following new vehicles. 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT with Ultimate Family Package (RTKH5329G). Discount consists of: $850 in no-cost options and $2,500 DVD Incentive that will be deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. 2014 Dodge Journey SXT with Ultimate Journey Package (JCDP4928K). Discount consists of: $2,495 in no-cost options and $2,500 DVD Incentive that will be deducted from the negotiated price before taxes. Some conditions apply. See your retailer for complete details. »$1,500 Ram Truck Loyalty/Conquest/Skilled Trades Bonus Cash is available on the retail purchase/lease of 2014 Ram 1500 (excludes Reg. Cab), 2014 Ram 2500/3500, 2014 Ram ProMaster or 2014 Ram Cargo Van and is deducted from the negotiated price after taxes. Eligible customers include: 1. Current owners/lessees of a Dodge or Ram Pickup Truck or Large Van or any other manufacturer's Pickup Truck or Large Van. The vehicle must have been owned/leased by the eligible customer and registered in their name on or before November 1, 2014. Proof of ownership/lease agreement will be required. 2. Customers who are skilled tradesmen or are acquiring a skilled trade. This includes Licensed Tradesmen, Certified Journeymen or customers who have completed an Apprenticeship Certification. A copy of the Trade Licence/Certification required. Limit one $1,500 bonus cash offer per eligible transaction. Some conditions apply. See your retailer for complete details. ▪Non-prime financing available on approved credit. APR example: 2014 Ram 1500 ST and SXT with a Purchase Price of $26,095 financed at 4.99% over 84 months, equals 182 bi-weekly payments of $170 for a total finance obligation of $30,970.95. §Starting From Prices for vehicles shown include Consumer Cash Discounts and do not include upgrades (e.g., paint). Upgrades available for additional cost. The Best Buy Seal is a registered trademark of Consumers Digest Communications LLC, used under license. ^Based on IHS Automotive: Polk Canadian Vehicles in Operation data available as of July, 2014 for Crossover Segments as defined by Chrysler Canada Inc. ™The SiriusXM logo is a registered trademark of SiriusXM Satellite Radio Inc. ®Jeep is a registered trademark of Chrysler Group LLC.